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### Text of Bevin's Note to Chou En-lai

#### BITTERNESS IN TAIPEH

London, January 6.

Great Britain extended full diplomatic recognition today to the Chinese Communist government.

The first major Western power to recognise Mr. Mao Tse-tung's Red regime as China's legal Government, Britain severed relations with Chiang Kai-shek's hard-pressed Nationalist administration.

The Nationalists promptly replied from Chiang's Taiwan headquarters with a note breaking off diplomatic relations with Britain.

Other Western European powers were expected to quickly follow Britain's lead. An authoritative Danish source says Norway, Sweden and Denmark probably would announce joint action soon, simultaneously, in the three Scandinavian capitals.

The announcement by the Foreign Office said Britain's recognition was on a *de jure* basis. That is, Britain accepts the Peking People's Republic as the Government of China in law, as well as in fact.

The Nationalist Ambassador to London, Dr. Cheng Tien-shai, was notified in advance, on Thursday night, that as a result of the British action, he and other diplomats to representatives of Chiang Kai-shek are no longer recognised in London.

Britain was the fourth nation

out of the Soviet Union to recognise the Chinese Communist government. India and Pakistan, both members of the British Commonwealth, and Burma already have taken that step.

The British Foreign Office said it has formally advised Communist Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chou En-lai, of its desire to establish diplomatic relations.

#### Text of Note

The Foreign Office announced today that the note handed to Mr. Chou En-lai by the British Consul-General in Peking offered to exchange diplomatic representatives with the Peking government.

The Foreign Office said this was the text of the note handed to the Communist Foreign Minister: "Sir, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, having completed their study of the situation resulting from the formation of the Central People's Government of China and observing that it is now in effective control of by

far the greater part of the territory of China, have today decided that Government as the *de jure* Government of China.

"In these circumstances His Majesty's Government, in response to Chairman Mao Tse-tung's proclamation of October First, 1949, are ready to establish diplomatic relations on a basis of equality, mutual benefit and respect for territory and sovereignty and are prepared to exchange diplomatic representatives with the Central People's Government.

"Pending the appointment of an Ambassador, Mr. J. C. Hutchison (present Charge d'Affaires in Peking) has been nominated as His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires ad interim.

"Accordingly I have the honour to request that you will receive him and transact official business with him in that capacity, and further that he may be granted all necessary facilities for the transfer of himself, his staff and the archives of His Majesty's Embassy from Nanking to Peking.

"(Signed) Ernest Bevin, His Britannic Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

The Foreign Office announced today that the Consul-General at Peking had been instructed to inform Mr. Chou En-lai that the British Government has withdrawn its recognition from the Nationalist Government and that Minister of State Hector McNeill had informed the Nationalist Ambassador in London of that action on Thursday night.

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Official statements from the Nationalist banks and organisations in the Colony were not available. Enquiries were variably put off with the answer that the managers or executive officials were out, but from less senior officials it was learned that as banking or business institutions they would carry on as usual.

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In a brief ceremony in the Royal Palace at Amsterdam, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands signed the act of transfer of sovereignty creating the new independent republic of the United States of Indonesia. Photo shows Queen Juliana signing the act. Next to her (seated) is the Indonesian Premier, Dr. Mohammad Hatta, and beyond him is Sultan Hamid II, of Pontianak. Minister without Portfolio in the Indonesian Cabinet, Seated next to the Queen (nearer camera) is the Dutch Premier, Dr. Willem Drees. (AP Photo).

## Hong Kong reaction to recognition

General approval, and a widespread feeling of relief, were the first reactions that greeted the news of Britain's recognition of the new Peking Government of China.

The announcement was carried in bold headlines in the afternoon vernacular papers, and it became the one topic of talk in town.

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## U.S. LEADERS FRAMING NEW FAR EAST POLICY

Washington, January 6.

Administration leaders were reported today to be shaping a Far Eastern policy aimed at driving a wedge between the Chinese people and Communist Russia.

This policy, expected to be set forth in a statement soon, would announce a firm attitude of friendship for the inhabitants of China, leaving the way open for eventual recognition of the Communist regime there.

With respect to other Asiatic countries, the policy would state U.S. support for Nationalist—as opposed to Communist—movements, plus economic assistance and possibly arms aid to specific nations threatened by Communist aggression.

On Tuesday the Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson will go before a joint session of the Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs committees to review global U.S. policy. Emphasis will be on the Western Pacific, particularly because of the current row over Taiwan.

Administration leaders expect Mr. Acheson to be armed with a complete Western Pacific policy statement at that time. Later, he will make a public address on the subject.

The basic policy lines which presently underlie American diplomacy in the Orient, according to President Truman's declaration on Thursday of a hands-off attitude toward Taiwan.

State Department officials explained the Administration does not intend to give the Communists a chance to tell the Chinese people the United States is denying them control of Chinese territory.

Dismay in Taipeh

Meanwhile in Taipeh, President Truman's hands off Taiwan statement ripped to shreds the big balloon of false hopes blown up tremendously the past weeks by confident press predictions of American intervention.

All senior Nationalist officials approached, however, refused comment. One of them confided that "matter is a very delicate one. We don't like to criticise the head of a friendly state."

Among officials who took the no-comment attitude on the U.S. decision not to intervene were advisers to Chiang Kai-shek as well as Governor K. C. Wu, Foreign Minister George Yeh and South East China Commander Chen Cheng.

But there was no mistaking that Truman's statement caused concern and dismay. It convinced the Nationalists the United States is not going to change the judgment passed in the State Department's White Paper.

It left them with the sad realisation they can count only on themselves to hold Taiwan. It gave some of them the same sinking feeling they had when the Reds approached Canton and later Chungking and Chengtu.

It made them see that unless their fifth capital since the fall of Nanking, was their last one unless they could hold Formosa.

And, coupled with Britain's recognition of the Communist regime in Peking, it made them feel alone, abandoned and a little more desperate—yet still determined to continue the fight to which Chiang Kai-shek and his fellow diehards have pledged themselves.—Associated Press.

The police authorities said today that precautions had been taken in case "certain elements" attempted to make a political demonstration over Britain's recognition of Red China.

Members of the Chinese consular staff stood bare-headed this afternoon when the Consul-General Dr. Wu, lowered the Nationalist flag outside his office and residence.

Dr. Wu said that property in Singapore owned by the Chinese Nationalist Government had been handed over to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for safekeeping.—Router and Associated Press.

The Chinese Postal and Remittance Bank officials said they were a part of the Chinese Postal Administration, and would carry on as such.

The Kwangtung Provincial Bank and the Farmers' Bank of China could not be contacted for information, as their managers were out and would not be back in the afternoon.

Business as usual

Business at all the Nationalist Government banks went on as usual, and there was no "run" by customers, as some people feared. It was explained that most of the big accounts had already been withdrawn or reduced long ago.

There was no evidence of a last-minute rush to remove assets. The explanation here, too, is that if any removal was to be done it had been done long ago.

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## Flying Arrow sails for S'hai

The American freighter, ss. Flying Arrow, sailed for Shanghai at 12.40 a.m. today with an estimated HK\$800,000 worth of cargo.

Though 11 American seamen signed off the ship on Thursday morning, foreign seamen who were on the beach in Hong Kong immediately signed on as replacements, and the ship was fully manned.

## British ship sails for Shanghai

The first British ship to sail for Communist China since the announcement of Britain's recognition of the Peking Government, the ss. Elsie Molloy, left the Colony for Shanghai yesterday with a high-grade cargo on board.

A British shipping official said yesterday that a wave of British ships could be expected to leave Hong Kong for Chinese Communist ports early next week.

He added that it is, however, premature to assume that recognition automatically cancels out the threat of the Nationalist warships.

"The Royal Navy will have to decide that," he commented.

A Royal Navy spokesman would give no official statement last night on the effect of the announced recognition by Britain of the Communists.

He said that whether or not the status of the Nationalist warships operating inside the territorial waters of the Chinese Communist Government is changed would depend on high policy decisions.

He could not say that the Nationalist warships, if they attack British ships, would be regarded as pirate ships and be open to retaliation by the Royal Navy.

## AP man leaves Hong Kong in Flying Arrow

Mr. Wayne Richardson, Associated Press correspondent in Hong Kong since 1946 and head of the AP Hong Kong Bureau during the past four years, left for the United States on a round-about route late yesterday.

Mr. Richardson was aboard the Isbrandtsen freighter Flying Arrow which will attempt to run the blockade into Shanghai. He plans to remain in the Flying Arrow until the ship reaches Kobe. From there he will go by rail to Tokyo to board an airliner for San Francisco.

Mr. Richardson is returning to the United States for home leave and probable reassignment in the domestic service of the Associated Press.

His wife preceded him to the United States in mid-September.—Associated Press.

## Nationalist envoy denounces move

London, January 6.

Nationalist China's Ambassador to the Court of St. James, Dr. Cheng Tien-shai, today denounced British recognition of the Chinese Communists as a mistake and said his Government received its knockout blow "not from her foes, but from her friends and former Allies."

At a press conference at Portland Place in London's West End which has housed the Chinese Embassy since 1876, Dr. Cheng said the British action was "equivalent to burying us while we are still very much alive."

He said "I am a true friend of Britain and I sincerely believe the decision is against Britain's real and higher interests. History will show this to be true."

Reviewing his period of office as Chinese Ambassador to Britain since 1946, he said: "I was specially selected by my Government with the primary object of deepening our friendship with the British people. I believe I have done my duty."

Dr. Cheng said he was still at the disposal of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government and could not forget what his future would be. He said "I belong to no party and have never taken part in politics. I am a lawyer, and I should like to live in England if I am made a free man but I have still to await orders from my government."

He would make no comment on the reports that he might be

willing to continue as Ambassador for the Peking Government if so requested by the Communist Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai. Dr. Cheng said: "I cannot be expected to make any comment on such reports at this critical time."

#### "Need us again"

In a statement issued at the conference he said: "In spite of what has happened you may be sure that one day you will need us again as the history of the closing and reopening of the Burma Road has shown and you may yet count on us."

Dr. Cheng said history will show that the decision to recognise the Chinese Reds was against the real and higher interests of Britain. It is equivalent to burying us while we are still very much alive and history will say that China has received her knockout blow, not from her foes but from her friends and former Allies.

"It has been the repeatedly declared policy of the British Government not to intervene in the war in China but what greater intervention could there be than giving recognition to the Communist regime at this moment? Homage to force and violence is very dangerous, particularly in view of the present world situation. You will have Caesars and, what is worse, their bad imitators."

"In spite of what has happened you may be sure that one day you will need us again as the history of the closing and reopening of the Burma Road has shown and you may yet count on us. Personally I have been very much touched by the numerous verbal and written expressions of friendship and sympathy I received in recent weeks from people in this country, some of whom are even unknown to me and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly.—United Press.

## Acknowledgment of facts

Britain's decision to recognise the Chinese Communist Government in Peking, officially announced today, is based on the acknowledgment of the existing facts. The Foreign Office spokesman commented, adds a Reuters despatch from London.

He said that the Peking Government now has fulfilled the conditions required for recognition in international law of being a stable authority with definite frontiers in actual control of virtually the whole of its territory.

Consequently, in the British view, there was no longer any good reason for withholding recognition. Officials here took the view that though the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, said last night that the United States still considered recognition to be premature, there was not, in fact, very much difference of principle between the British and American attitude to recognition.

Mr. Acheson himself pointed out in public speeches last autumn that recognition does not in itself imply agreement with the aims of the government recognised.

The United States, for instance, is in relations with the Soviet Government. The sole criterion in international law is stability and control of territory.

## Recognition unconditional

The recognition, conveyed this morning by the British Consul-General in Peking to the Chinese Foreign Minister, Mr. Chou En-lai, is unconditional. The Note does not contain any of the phrases normally employed 20 years ago, calling on the newly recognised government to fulfil its international obligations.

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## The Weather

At 0600 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) the depression centred about 600 miles NW of Tokyo has deepened and is moving rapidly NE. From it a trough extends SW across the Leeward Islands and remains high over China and the adjacent seas.

Today's forecast—moderate or fresh 22SE wind, fine at first, partly cloudy during the afternoon.

Yesterday's weather—Maximum 28.8 deg. Fah. Minimum 22.0 deg. Fah. Sunshine 10.5 hours. Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—6.3 mm (0.25 inch).

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IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF  
HONG KONG

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known as VLADIMIRE  
ANATOLEVICH  
GINTER otherwise  
known as VLADIMIR  
ANOTOL GINTER late  
of 208, Prince Edward  
Road, Kowloon, in the  
Colon of Hong Kong,  
Master Mariner, de-  
ceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that the Court has by virtue  
of Section 58 of the Probates  
Ordinance, 1897 made an Order  
limiting the time for creditors  
and others to send in their  
claims against the above Estate  
to the 2nd day of February,  
1950.

All creditors and others are  
accordingly hereby required to  
send in their claims to the un-  
derigned on or before that date.

Dated the 6th day of Janu-  
ary, 1950.

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hours 11.15 to 08.30 hours  
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Hemmens Road junction will  
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COMMISSIONER OF  
POLICE

Hong Kong, January 7, 1950.

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for December 1949 may obtain  
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W. H. PATTERSON  
Secretary  
Hong Kong, Jan. 6, 1950.

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Mr. A. S. Lawson

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"Tender for supply and making  
Summer Uniforms for Marine  
Department" will be received at  
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Tender Board, Colonial Secre-  
tariat, Lower Albert Road,  
until noon on Friday, January  
20, 1950.

Forms of Tender, Specifica-  
tion and further particulars  
may be obtained at the Office  
of the Controller of Stores,  
Government Stores Depart-  
ment, 249, Electric Road, North  
Point.

J. WATSON,  
Acting Controller of Stores.  
January 3, 1950.

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Entry permits checked  
at Kai Tak airfield

With the assistance of the police, the airport au-  
thorities at the Kai Tak airport have started to  
strengthen the regulations regarding per-  
sons entering the airport.

More than 50 persons, mostly employees and stu-  
dents of the Far Eastern Flying and Training  
School, were not permitted to enter the air-  
port gate at Kowloon city when a detachment  
of police arrived in the morning and checked  
entry passes.

The persons who did not  
have passes were later per-  
mitted to enter the airport when  
the school was notified to issue  
identification cards to its staff  
and students.

Since early yesterday morning a  
special detachment of police were  
present at the airport assisting the  
airport authorities in checking  
entry passes.

Since yesterday all persons who  
do not possess a valid pass for the  
airport are not permitted to enter  
areas beyond the civil air ter-  
minal.

According to a senior airport  
official this is not a new regulation  
but the authorities are merely  
taking strict measures to carry it  
out.

In the past, despite numerous  
warnings, many persons have  
been found in the airport's limited  
areas without a valid pass.

## Flying regulations

Meanwhile since New Year's  
Day, a new flying regulation for  
all commercial aircraft has been  
enforced.

All in-coming and out-going  
aircraft are to enter and  
leave the Colony's airport via  
Lyemun and Wai Lan Island,  
South East of the airport.

The regulation which will be in  
practice for a maximum period of  
two months, further governs that  
no aircraft should approach the  
Colony's airport from any direc-  
tion without passing the men-  
tioned points.

Furthermore the new regulation  
also limited all local flights within  
the Colony's harbour limits and  
over a small portion of the New  
Territories.

The area in which local flights  
are allowed is roughly bounded  
by a line drawn from the Green  
Island to Lai Chi Kok thence to  
Beacon Hill and Temple Hill and  
Lyemun and then back to Green  
Island again.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB  
NOTICE TO MEMBERS  
ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1950

Saturday 14th, Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th,  
Wednesday 18th and Saturday 21st January

The First Ball will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race  
will be run at 12.00 noon, each day. The time interval is after the  
fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Pearce Memorial  
Cup" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 17th  
January, Race No. 6, at 3.30 p.m.

Through tickets at \$100 each may be obtained at the Office  
of the Club, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2.  
each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup".  
The latter may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office,  
No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

## MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear  
their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the  
Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO  
THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or  
Beaded tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the  
Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10. per day, including  
tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary  
on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Mem-  
ber to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for  
payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale  
at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer, Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office  
will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor,  
Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club  
House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy  
(Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S  
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3. each  
day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable  
at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC., WILL NOT BE PER-  
MITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE  
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN  
THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only,  
who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to  
endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are  
not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through  
on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,  
S. A. BLEAP,  
Secretary.

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE  
By Shepard Barclay

PLAYING UPSIDE DOWN

IF YOU EVER try one of the  
artificial bidding systems, such as  
the Vanderbilt or White Club sys-  
tem, in which an opening bid of  
1-Club merely shows appreciable  
high card strength without indi-  
cating anything about clubs, you  
are likely to have some funny  
experiences. With either that  
opening, or when you use the  
artificial 2-Clubs forcing bid, you  
may find yourself eventually play-  
ing the hand as declarer without  
a solitary trump in it, but a lot  
of them in the dummy. In effect  
then you treat the dummy as de-  
clarer and your own hand as the  
dummy, and are playing upside-  
down, as it were.

South: S K Q J 10 8  
H 10 8 6  
D A 3 2  
C K 5

North: S 3  
H Q 4  
D K  
C A Q J 10  
9 6 4 3 2

(Dealer: South. Both sides vul-  
nerable).

South: West North East  
Pass 1 C Pass 6 C  
East and West were using the  
White Club club system whereby  
a 1-Club opening shows three  
top tricks—either an ace-king and  
an ace or else three aces. The  
response of 1-Diamond would  
deny possession of two aces or  
the ace-king of any suit. With  
two aces the partner would re-

spend with 1-No Trump and with  
the ace-king of some suit on the  
first round, showing distribution later.  
This time, East's hand was so  
frankish, he decided to violate  
the convention. Knowing of the  
high cards opposite him, he  
leaped all the way into the club  
small slam, considering it prob-  
ably was safe.

North led the spade K, and  
West got all the tricks. Winning  
with the A, he finessed the club  
Q, killed the K with the A and  
then used hearts to discard the  
diamond K.

At other tables of the same  
tournament, natural bidding en-  
abled East to become the declar-  
er, and a diamond then was  
South's natural lead, which the  
artificial convention beat all  
the rest, though the declarer had  
only a singleton trump in his own  
hand.

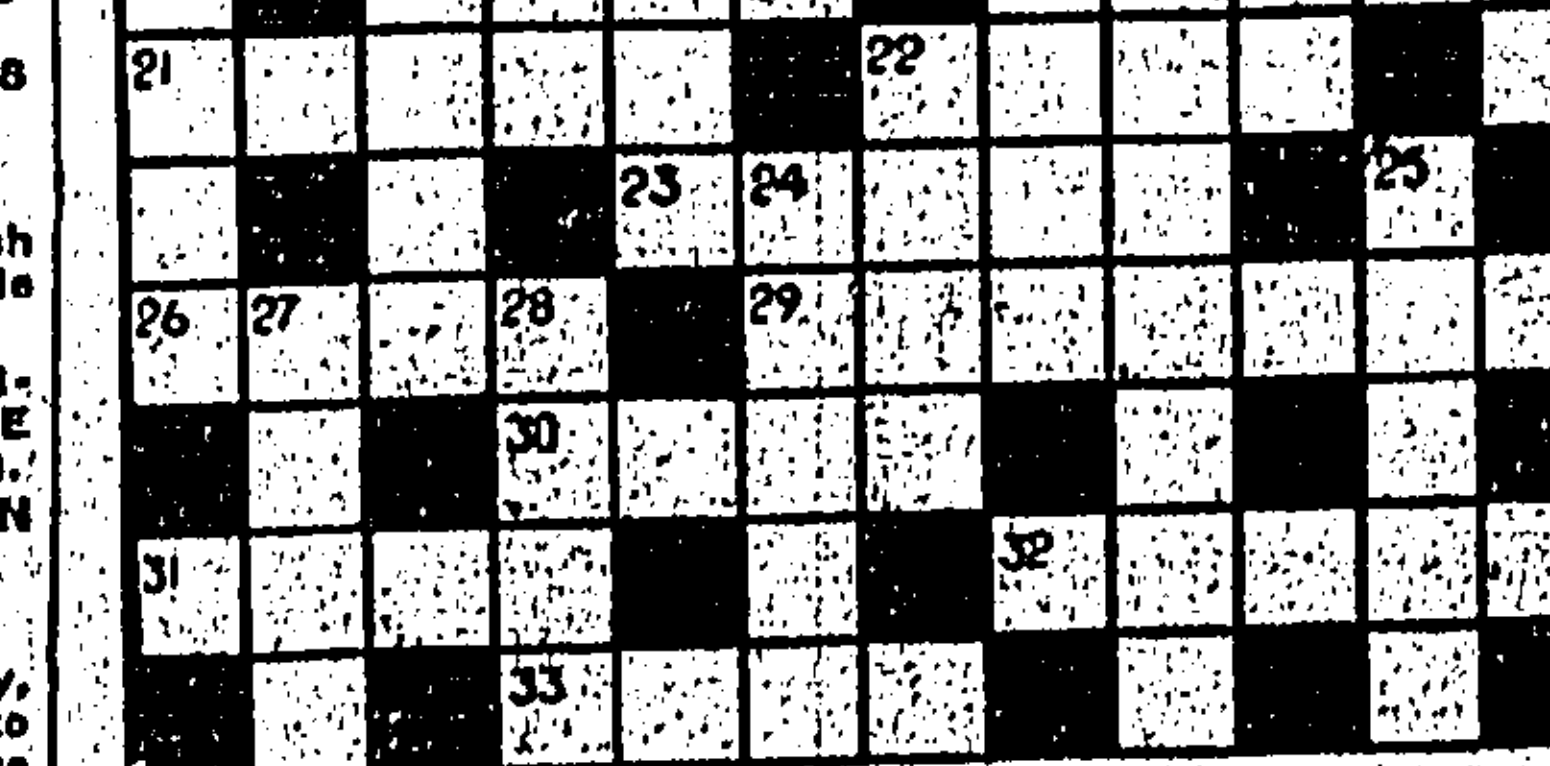
Tomorrow's Problem  
S 10  
H A 9 7 2  
D A 5 3  
C A 8 6 5 2

S K Q J 9  
H J 10 5 4  
D None  
C Q 3

(Dealer: East. Both sides vul-  
nerable).

After North bids 1-Club and  
East passes, what should South  
do?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Gang. 22 Vivacity.  
7 Hiding place. 23 Malignant  
8 Group. 24 being  
9 Golf-club. 25 Pictitious  
10 One of a narrative.  
11 series of. 26 Blind  
12 Land, bank. 27 Groves  
13 Fish. 28 Spoken  
14 Glazing. 29 Funeral  
15 solution. 30 none  
16 Stage. 31 Songs  
17 Slack.

Down

1 Joyous. 11 Fitting.  
2 Base frame. 12 Divide.  
3 of car. 13 Prison.  
4 Content. 14 Terror.  
5 Debt collec- 20 Hesitant  
tors. 22 Bad.  
6 Talc. 23 Wood.  
7 Unoccupied. 24 Bore.  
8 Percolated. 25 Spar.  
9 Inclined. 26 Emulgence.

Yesterday's Crossword:  
Across: 1 Solid. 7 Oaks. 8  
Pity. 10 Venice. 11 Slog. 13  
Interacted. 15 Near. 16 Peak. 19  
Pagan. 21 Again. 23 Open.



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## TAIWAN GETS THE INVASION JITTERS

Taipei, January 5.

### Plan for neutral Germany

Vienna, January 6.  
The movement started by Dr. Ulrich Noack in Western Germany aiming at neutralising Germany "like Switzerland" has aroused considerable interest in the Austrian Press.

But Dr. Noack's suggestion that Austria should be included in the "neutral zone" is meeting with strong opposition from the Austrian right wing Press. Issuing a warning against "quintlings who betray their country to a foreign Power and foreign ideology," the People's Party organ "Wiener Tageszeitung" claimed that Dr. Herbert Kraus' Independents had established contacts with Dr. Ulrich Noack's "Nauheimer Kreis" (Nauheim Circle).

It was Dr. Noack, the paper said, who established relations with the Norwegian Nazis and initiated the movement whose leader later became Quisling. "Is Dr. Noack's interest in the neutralisation movement another attempt to find quintlings for his ideology in a foreign country?" the paper asked.

A less serious view of the activities of the movement is taken by the non-party "Salzburger Nachrichten," which published an exclusive interview given to their correspondent by Dr. Noack during the "Wiener Tagessatzung" at the Nauheim Circle at Bensdorf in the Pfalz district. "From the beginning, our neutralisation plan has included Austria, Finland and Sweden besides Switzerland and Germany," Dr. Noack is quoted as saying. "There is no hot test position for a country in Austria's geographical situation than a safe, neutral existence between the Great Powers," he said.

### QUIRINO TO FLY TO U.S.

Manila, January 6.  
President Quirino, with 18 companions, including members of his family, the Finance Secretary, Pio Pedrosa, and other officials, will leave for the United States at 11 a.m. tomorrow aboard the Philippine Air Lines DC-6 "Mindoro". Mr. Quirino will enter Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore for the removal of a stone in the kidney. He is likely to hold conferences with American officials on certain aspects of Philippine-American relations.

PAL announced that the Mindoro would carry a crew of 11, including three captains. The flight will be via Guam, Wake, Honolulu and San Francisco to New York.

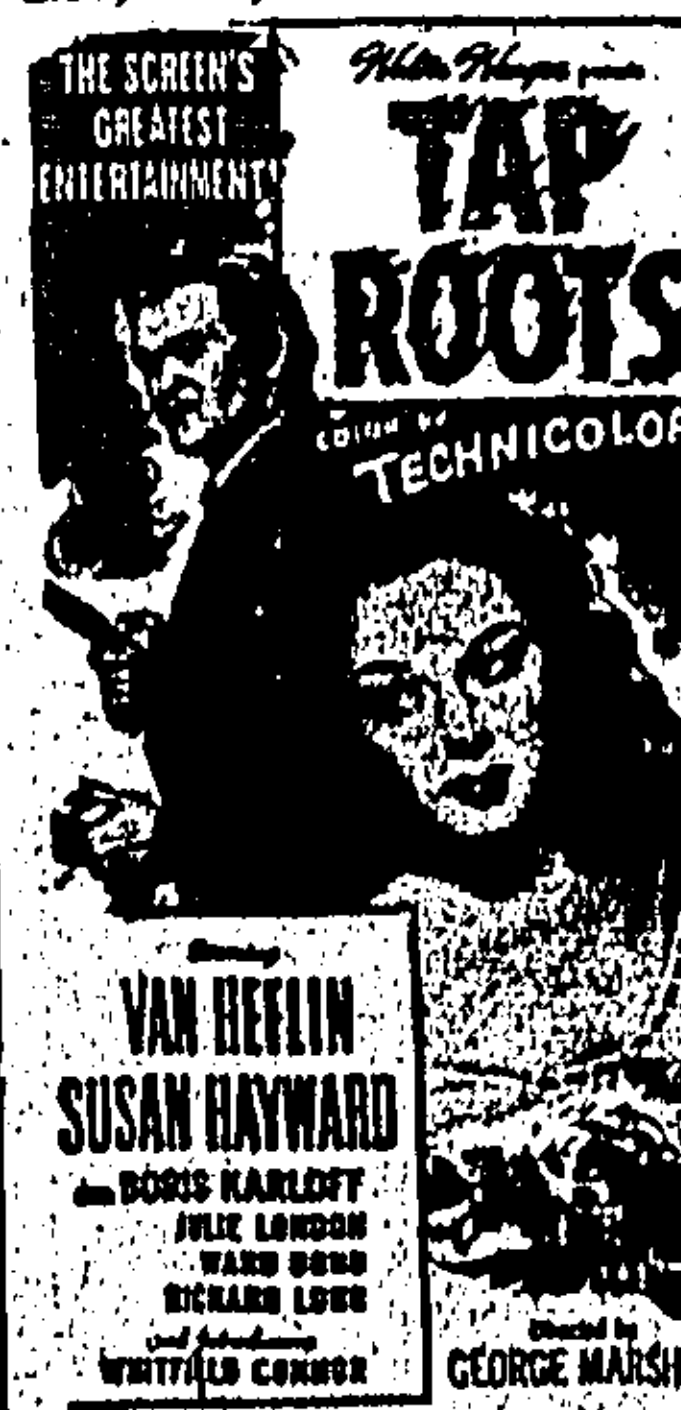
Otis Bryan, PAL Vice-President, is going on the trip as official co-ordinator of the flight.—United Press.

### ITALIAN STRIKE IN REVERSE

Carrara, January 5.  
Police here today ended a "strike in reverse" by ordering builders, formerly unemployed, to stop work that they had started without permission. The builders on Tuesday had begun work on public buildings in Carrara for which long-sought Government permission had not yet been granted.—Reuter.

### STAR

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TOMORROW  
Van Heflin  
June Allyson — in  
"THE BRIDE GOES WILD"

As invasion jitters began to develop on this stronghold of Nationalist China, the Provincial Government today ordered an island-wide dim-out.

The orders were accompanied by instructions to the inhabitants to be on the alert for a complete black-out, should that be deemed necessary.

Anti-aircraft searchlights swept the skies. Public buildings, hotels, restaurants, stores and shops were ordered to darken windows and reduce inside illumination.

Despite these precautions however, as far as it could be learned, there is no acute threat to the island, no new crisis, and little reason to fear imminent air raids from the Chinese Communists. The dim-out police stated that the measure was "purely precautionary."

Street fights were dimmed and some cut off, but otherwise there was little general response to the dim-out on the first night it was effective.

The Authorities said they would enforce full obedience as soon as the order had been generally circulated. Meanwhile, it was reliably reported that General Cheng Chen has submitted his resignation as South East China Military and Political Commissioner, as a first step in the re-organisation of the military branches of the Government.

### Ministry's job

The abolition of the South East command as an operational unit, and placing of the defence of Hainan and Taiwan directly in the hands of the Ministry of National Defence, is said to be the chief object of the re-organisation.

Premier Yen Hsi-shan's office admitted that Cheng Chen has handed in his resignation, but said no action has been taken by the Cabinet.

General Cheng, according to reliable sources, told associates he is resigning because the functions of the South East command duplicated those of the Ministry of National Defence. However, there are other reports that General Cheng will not be left out of the picture. He may get the post of National Defence Minister, held at present by the Premier.

### Hainan situation

The Cabinet is also expected to clarify the Hainan situation of which Premier Yen Hsi-shan has now taken command. The former Kwangtung Governor, Hsueh Yueh, is supposed to command Hainan, but this is said to be unsatisfactory to other military commanders such as

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### Madame Chiang returning to Taiwan

Washington, January 5.  
Joseph Ku, Press spokesman of the Chinese Embassy, said today he has been informed that Madame Chiang Kai-shek is preparing to return to Taiwan.

Mr. Ku said no date for her departure has been set and Madame Chiang is still in New York City.—United Press.

### PURGE OF CZECH REDS

Frankfurt, January 5.  
M. Bohumil Lausman, former Czech Minister of Industry, who recently fled to West Germany, said today that the Czech Communist Party is being purged of Titoist and deviationist elements.

At a press conference at Bad Homburg, near here, M. Lausman said that many Communists are already in prison and many others will follow.

He thinks that eventually the Czech Foreign Minister, M. Vladimír Clementis, will fall victim to the purging wave. He believes, however, that M. Clementis will not be immediately removed, since he has many sympathisers among the Slovaks.

"But I believe that some day he will. He has a Western past."

M. Lausman, former chairman of the Czech Social Democratic Party, became Deputy Prime Minister in the Gottwald Cabinet in February, 1940, and withdrew from political life later that year.

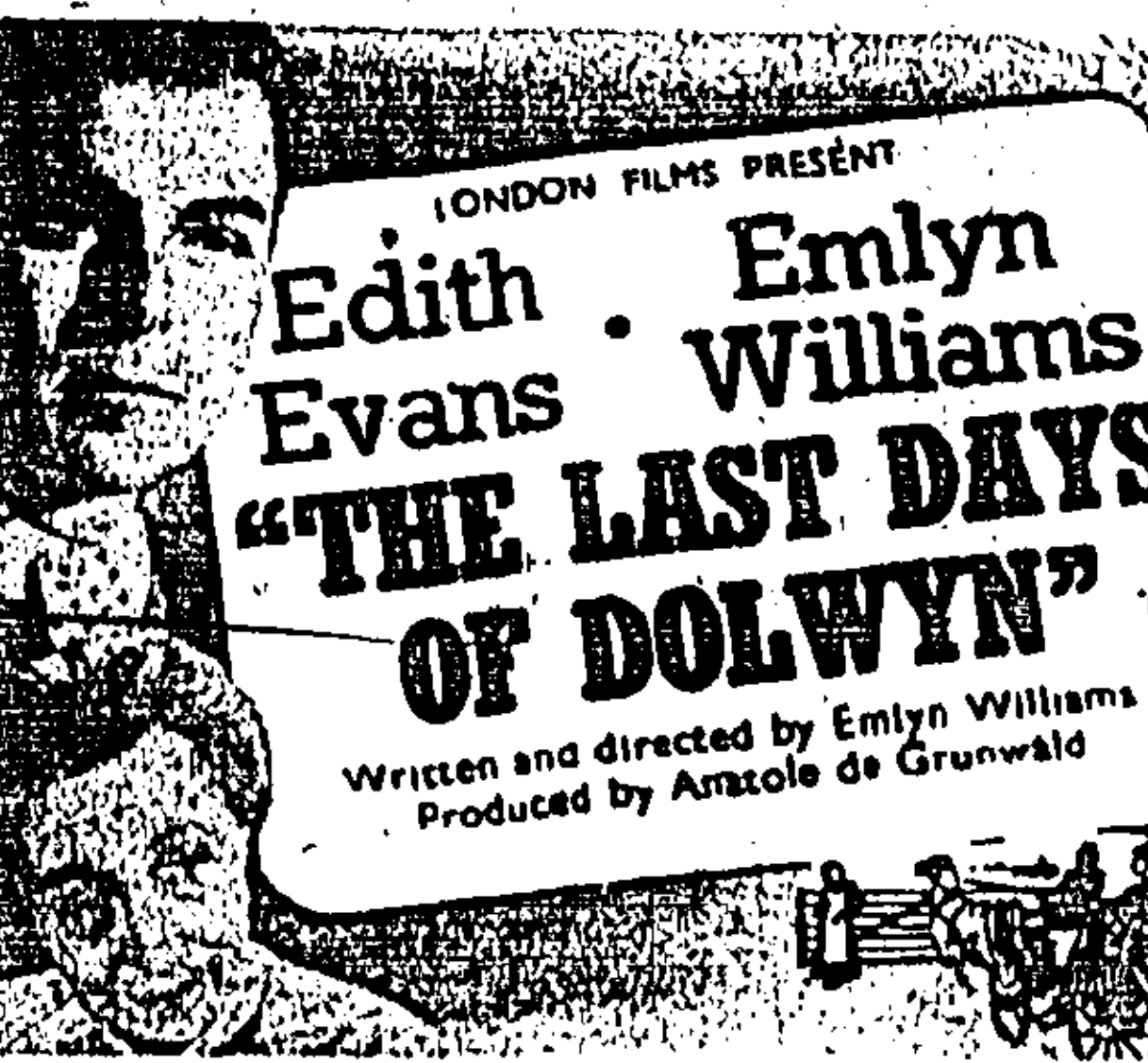
Asked whether an organised anti-Communist underground movement exists in Czechoslovakia, M. Lausman said, "No, only sporadic uprisings of active resistance."

He said that the great majority of Czech Communists disagree with the actions of the Party. Many Czechs are waiting for war, hoping that it will bring them freedom.

"The freedom of the Czechs is being taken away step by step. The country is not independent any more," he added.—Reuter.

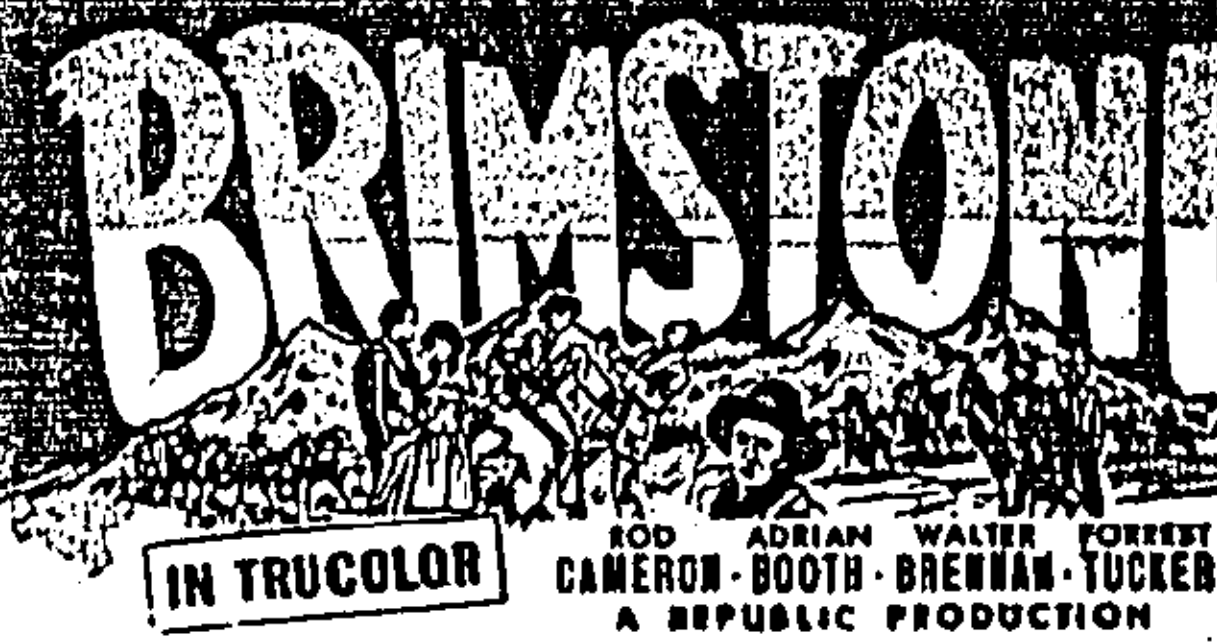
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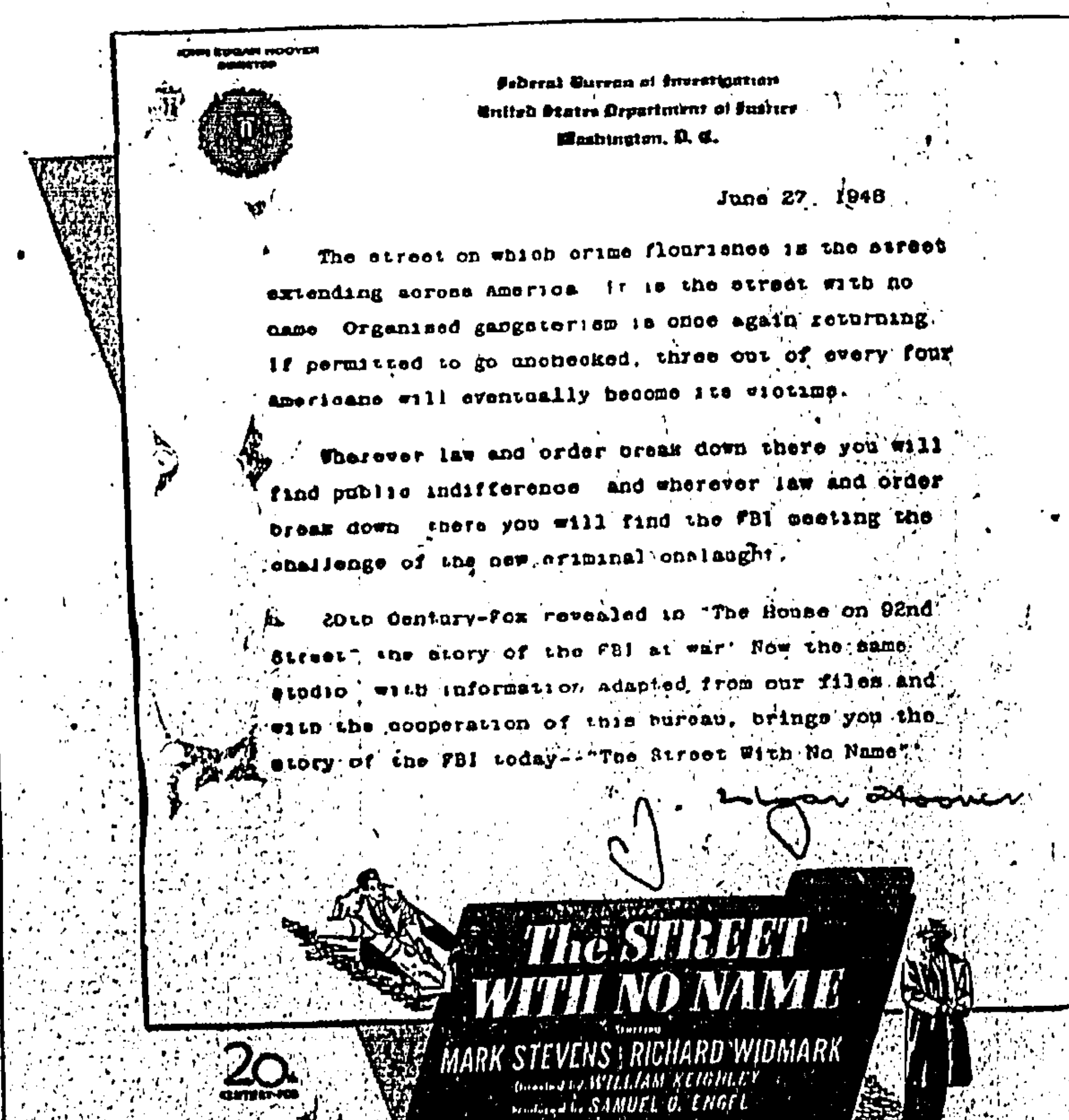
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## Commonwealth comment No. 5:

AUSTRALIA WANTS TO  
TIGHTEN TIES, BUT....

By Arthur Morley

If Britons could come to Australia for a few days to listen to Australians discussing Britain and the Empire they would be shocked, dismayed, delighted and baffled in turn.

They put you on the back and admire your good sense if you say that the "Old Country" has gone to the dogs. But they would argue violently if you said Britain was economically beyond recovery; and they would knock you down if you said the post-war troubles were no more than Britain deserved.

The bonds between Britain and Australia have never been stronger.

## DEATH

ROZA DANIEL MARIA, infant son of Dr. & Mrs. C. E. da ROZA. Funeral will take place at 4.00 p.m. today.

MATURE AND  
PREMATURE

The past 24 hours have been eventful indeed. Britain has broken off relations with the Nationalist Government and telegraphed formal recognition to Peking. At the same time, the fog of confusion over American policy in regard to Taiwan has been dispelled. Britain's decision has long been expected, and action comes almost as an anti-climax.

President Truman's decisive intervention was a dramatic surprise. His Message to Congress emphasised the New Deal both at home and abroad. A later, forthright statement put an end to any question of military intervention in Taiwan, except in the unlikely event of the United States forces in the Far East being attacked. Economic aid will continue, but that is all. The resources at present available on the island, said Mr. Truman, are quite enough for its defence.

That was true of all the main centres the Nationalists have conceded to the Communist forces all the way from Changchun to Chungking. They had all the equipment for successful resistance—except the will to fight. Whether the latter position has changed insofar as Taiwan is concerned remains to be seen, but the responsibility has been thrown back where it properly belongs. "A mistake should not be made twice in the same place, but should be made somewhere else"—that was the Secretary of State's mordant comment, in his follow-up of the President's statement.

So Britain and America are not so far apart as was once feared in this hour of action. Mr. Acheson made it quite clear that American recognition will not be given just now. It has nevertheless been brought appreciably nearer by the firm rejection of the interventionists' clamorous counsel. Mr. Acheson merely said that recognition of Peking at this stage would be "premature," and this seems to be the operative word. Mr. Truman, as President and Commander-in-Chief, is the final authority on foreign and defence policy. Whether his action will affect the principle of bi-partisan foreign policy remains to be seen, but the Republicans will be at least partially appeased by the assurance that before recognition comes Congress will be consulted. There is an impression, however, that though the next elections are not very near, they are close enough to justify manoeuvring for position. The Democrats seem to be preparing once more for a major stand on the New Deal principles at home and abroad, and the Republicans for a fight on foreign policy and foreign aid. One New York paper of reactionary flavour has already complained that "the pro-British group in our Government for years has adopted the position that the United States must follow the British policy."

All that needs to be said about this is that it was certainly not true in post-war China, where America took a very marked lead. If the results were most unhappy, the

Country. Now Australia is strategically isolated and feels desperately unsafe and lonely.

## No security

What would happen in another war? If India and Burma were sent troops to two world wars, to help Britain. But Britain could send no troops to Australia when the Japanese came close to her doors—and how can Britain help next time, when the security of Australia is no longer safe? Have Britons ever given Australia safety 10 minutes' serious thought? Australians throughout the country are asking this now.

In the matter of trade however, everything is going beautifully.

It is obvious that British manufacturers are giving the Dominions much serious and successful thought. British cars are selling in Australia; British textiles and china are causing delight. Designs are young and gay and imaginative now, and the change in this direction has been noted and appreciated in the past few months.

## Grand job

In the Australian view, British manufacturers now are doing a grand job, and you can see it in

the figures showing the value of imports from Britain, which have grown from £40,419,000 in 1938-39 to £200,100,000 in 1947-48.

China had textiles and other goods from one end of the country to the other, at £12 to £25. They're popular. Britain now is supplying nearly 60 per cent of all Australian imports, which is sufficient evidence of quality. Australian exports to Britain, mostly of wool and food, have increased even more remarkably. The figures are £53,252,000 for 1938-39 and £112,087,000 for 1947-48.

The balance of trade in Australia, however, need not worry anybody. Australia is giving part of it to Britain as a gift and in leaving the rest untouched in London under an unwritten gentlemen's agreement not to embarrass Britain by asking payment.

## New links

What of the future? Trade and sentimental ties can only grow stronger. Britain is Australia's only possible market, and, equally, the only possible source of the goods she wants. Government experts in Canberra respect the two economies to be even more closely inter-

woven, as more and more British business firms and factories establish branches here.

And, as to sentiment, 100,000 British emigrants are arriving each year now and each individual forms an unbreakable link with the Old Country. Australia is more British than Britain, with a 98.2 per cent British population. Therefore, you cannot speak

of Australia "breaking away" from the Commonwealth. If Scotland or England or Wales broke away, the people in Australia would regard themselves still as part of the British family. They ARE British, they do not BELONG to Britain.

## More loyal

In fact, the Australians will tell you that they are more loyal to the old British tradition than even Great Britain herself under Socialism.

Seen from this distance, the true British tradition is not one of docile, dependable and respectable living, but of adventure, innovation and exploration. Drake, Sir Stamford Raffles, Hastings and the privateers and adventurers are in the tradition, not Chamberlain, Attlee, Cripps or Victoria.

Australians are worried at what they regard as the decay of the great tradition, but they believe that it will be revived again.

## Non-austerity Xmas for UK

By "Windrush"

Everybody agrees that this has been a non-austerity Christmas. The shops have glittered brighter than at any time since 1938. They report satisfactory if not record-breaking sales. The men and women crowding into them looked as well dressed as before the war. Indeed the shops were a kind of oasis of pre-war days. Only when one came out of them did the shabby look of London streets recall that the war has changed.

The "New Statesman" makes a little party capital out of the general jollity. "London looks pre-war. To come down to Kent Street, positively right in the heart of the Christmas square, the Christmas tree and the silver fountains and streamers and bunting—why, if the 'For' press didn't remind you that we are a miserable enslaved and starving people, you might even kid yourself that England was capable this year of having a merry Christmas."

The "New Statesman" rather underestimates the effect of this irony by another paragraph on another page. "Strangely enough," it says, "the Christmas tree is largely due to the Christians of the last few years. Christmas last April, we learned that better times were coming and planned for a considerable increase of home consumption—a few weeks before the American recession knocked us off our balance."

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## Rub their eyes

This passage must have made many "New Statesman" readers rub their eyes. Anything more damaging to socialist propaganda it would be hard to imagine. What does it mean except that the technique of "planning" may have some fatal consequences because it should turn out that "plans" have been made on a wrong estimate of probabilities, it is too late to correct them when the error becomes plain?

The reader will not fail to notice the suggestion—subtle in its phrasing—that the British economic system is a failure. It is not the British system in Britain or Europe, but by the slight recession which America experienced last summer. The "New Statesman" is Michael Lindsay's continuation of his series on Chinese Communism. He declares the pro-Russian alignment of the Chinese Communists, and asks whether it will last. He finds one reason for the Chinese-Russian "axis" in American policy.

"As the Chinese Communists see it," the Communists with a few exceptions are in a hurry to show their readiness to co-operate with America and in accepting American mediation in hopes of avoiding the civil war but met with complete faith from the American side. The complete discrediting of American policy has been the cause of the group who might be called the Kuomintang fellow-travellers, whose attitude towards China has been that of Communist fellow-travellers to "save China."

The American workers from stage to stage have been a revolution in Communist leadership. Even responsible leaders believe that Henry Wallace is the real representative of the American people. Most of the Chinese Communists, thanks to Michael Lindsay, are individuals who believe in good of capitalism and no evil of Communism and therefore of Russia.

## Depends on West

About the future, Michael Lindsay does not prophesy. If Russia should try to impose a control upon the policies of a Chinese Communist government some Chinese Communists would certainly resist. The outcome would depend considerably on the policies of the Western powers. If China ever becomes a Russian dependency, the last assistants of Russian imperialism will, as usual, have been the doctrinaire anti-Communists.

In the "Spectator," Christopher Hollis, who is one of the most energetic Catholics, mentions that he has written an article on "The Holy Year." He reviews the address by the Pope to the Consistory on December 12. "The elevation of the Pope comes at an immensely important moment in the history of the Catholic Church. Every country in Western Europe except Great Britain is under the rule of a Catholic Prime Minister or Chancellor. There have been advances of Catholic power as spectacular in the new world. On the other hand, the challenge to the Church from the East is more direct and grave than any that she has ever known. The change in Catholic fortunes since 20 years ago, when no practising Catholic could hope for election to a Continental Parliament, has been something to which history can show no parallel. "We are now in the world of the new counter-reformation, and, whatever the next, strange 50 years may bring, it will certainly show us a world in which the Catholic will demand to play his full part and in which the non-Catholic who wishes for the world's salvation will not be able to deny him that full part."

These are great ecclesiastical matters. Another article in the "Spectator" deals with lesser ones. It describes the modern wedding. The first impact comes upon the reader. He is interviewed by two young people. Their intention is to take the parish church as their theatre for the day and to put on a show. The "reformer" modifies these singular ambitions: "The selection of the bridegroom has suggested 'Abide with Me'." (He then recollects no other words which have become stereotyped in the opening words, he says, and indeed appropriate to a suggestion of the matrimonial partnership, but the rest of the poem is conceived on a totally different basis. When the bridegroom arrives for the service, he will probably need something to sustain him. For that purpose a trumpet solo, early in the service, will be a good idea. It will be a good idea for them to get a book sometimes. They have their festive day."

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"Car Cleaner Given Month For Illegal Possession Of Cat."

No, Myrtle, this has nothing to do with the airline controversy.

Four-year-old girl who can't read an article publishes her first collection of poems.

So that was the book I received at Christmas. Had me baffled for a while.

"U.S. to retain sole rights in atomic bomb production."

Wasn't there some talk recently about something happening in Russia?

Now you see him.

So Mao is expected to be visible at last. His continued stay in far-off Moscow makes America think, however, that a search for more high-powered binoculars is necessary.

Myrtle's grandfather says that some of the little things that break up marriages are little blondes, little brunettes and little red-heads.

Blake meeting me for lunch yesterday was 15 minutes late. Very apologetic, but swore he'd have been on time if he hadn't had to cross Queen's Road at Ice House Street.

Today's fairy story.

They are building a new super-cinema in New York. It will not be the largest or most magnificent in the world.

There is no confirmation of this super atom bomb made of hydrogen.

Probably just another lot of hot air.

One writer discussing the traffic problem was reported as saying: "Failure to yield the right of way causes the greatest percentage of crashes."

Young friend of mine was telling some visitors what a good time he had when his baby was born. Finally a woman enquired: "Who had that baby, anyway?"

"The young man nodded towards his wife. "She did," he answered, "but she had an anaesthetic."

A Conservative MP, commenting on a British socialistish health system and continued prosperity, said: "I'm pretty sure that an endless vista of free false teeth with nothing to bite."

"Briton to hang for killing father-in-law."

In the case of a mother-in-law it is usually regarded as self defence.

Three kind mice.

See how they run. They all ran after the farmer's wife.

She cut them some cheese with a carving knife. Did you ever see such fun in your life?

As three kind mice?

Mother Hubbard's dog is no longer disappointed.

Old Mother Hubbard Went to the cupboard To get the wee dog a bone. When she got there She found plenty to spare And so the dear dog had one.

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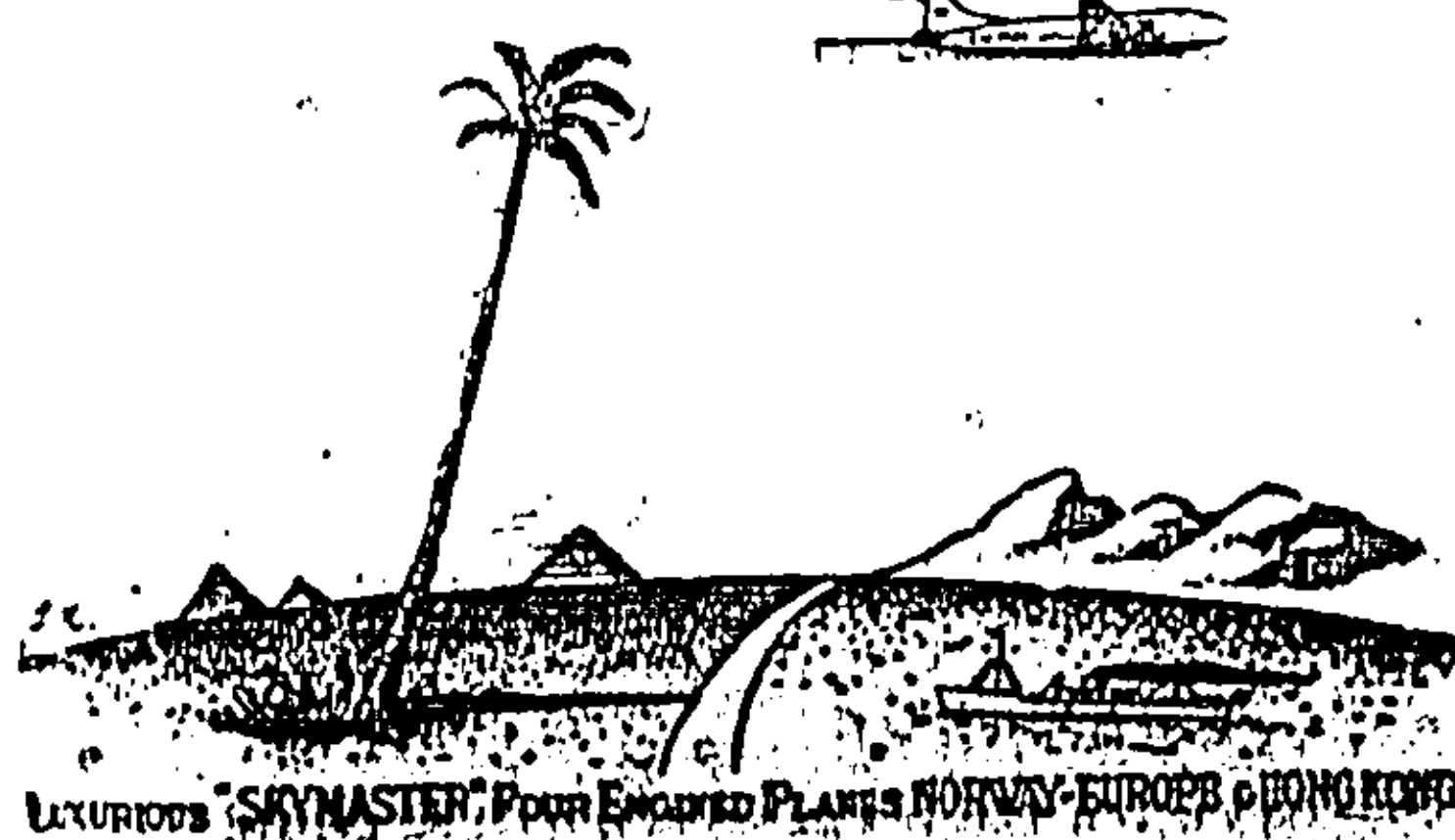
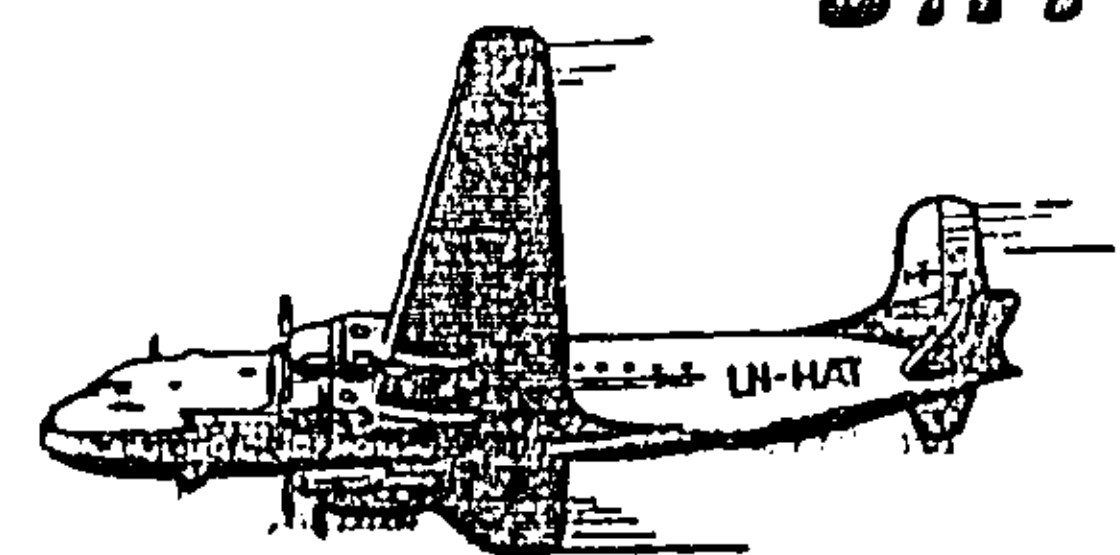
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# U.S. ABANDONMENT OF CHIANG AROUSES STORM IN SENATE

## Republicans up in arms over statement REJECTION OF ARMS AID

Washington, January 5.

President Truman today formally rejected all appeals for American military aid to the remnants of the Chinese Nationalist Government in Taiwan.

In washing his hands of China's civil war, the President said specifically that neither American armed force, equipment or military advisers will be sent to help save Taiwan from the Communists.

His statement was a complete rejection of the Nationalist pleas for help. It was also a flat repudiation of Republican demands for U.S. intervention and of General MacArthur's advocacy that strong measures be taken to save the island.

## TRUMAN'S STATEMENT ON CHINA

Washington, January 5.

The text of President Harry Truman's statement today on China and Taiwan.

The United States Government has always stood for good faith in international relations. Traditional United States policy toward China has been to support the Nationalist Government in its struggle against the Communists. This policy was based on the belief that the Nationalist Government was the only government in China which was friendly to the United States and which was capable of maintaining the integrity and independence of the Chinese people.

A specific application of the foregoing principles is seen in the present situation with respect to Taiwan. In the joint declaration at Cairo, on December 1, 1943, the President of the United States, the British Prime Minister, and the Chinese Nationalist Government agreed that the Nationalist Government was the only government in China which was friendly to the United States and which was capable of maintaining the integrity and independence of the Chinese people.

"The United States has no predatory designs on Taiwan or on any other Chinese territory. The United States has no desire to obtain special rights or privileges or to establish military bases on Taiwan at this time."

"Nor does it have any intention of utilizing its armed forces to interfere in the present situation. The United States Government will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China."

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## ECA HELP FOR TAIWAN

Taipei, January 6.

Mr. L. F. Craig, Taiwan Regional Director of the Economic Co-ordination Administration, announced this morning that US\$4,500,000 worth of commodities will be placed on the market in January in an effort to assist the Chinese authorities to stabilize prices.

Mr. Craig said the ECA is looking forward to a heavy programme for February, implying that economic aid from the United States will be forthcoming when the present ECA programme expires on February 15.

Also it was in effect a reaffirmation of the State Department's White Paper, published last summer, which concluded that Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Government was the only government in China which was friendly to the United States and which was capable of maintaining the integrity and independence of the Chinese people.

Mr. Truman said the United States wants no military base in Taiwan and traditionally has been the position that the island belongs to the Republic of China. That should the Chinese Communist government ever win the recognition of the United States, Communist sovereignty over Taiwan would also be acknowledged.

Mr. Truman's hands-off policy was announced on the Senate floor, some ranking Democrats praised it as averting possible war.

Mr. Knowland urged that two or three aircraft carriers be sent to augment the Pacific fleet.

## "Sad commentary"

Senator Knowland blamed the Truman Administration for the "debacle" in China, which, he said, endangered the peace of the world and the security of the United States.

Mr. Knowland, a member of the Armed Services Committee who has led the Congressional demands for aid to the Chinese Nationalists, declared that the State Department's policy was to abandon China in the "clutches of international Communism."

"We are to give arms and guarantees to Western Europe to save that area from going behind the Iron Curtain while we, or they, accelerate the spread of Communism in Asia?"

Senator Knowland added: "It is a sad commentary that Britain, which itself was in such a desperate plight after Dunkirk, should now be contemplating abandoning the Republic of China and comfort to the Communists, who are so closely allied with the same international Communist conspiracy that threatens human freedoms in Europe."

## Not consulted

Senator Knowland complained that the Republicans in Congress had not been consulted on the moves leading up to the "bankrupt policy" on China.

He urged the United States to make it clear that there was no intention of recognizing the Chinese Communist regime.

2—Give supervised aid to the Nationalist Government of China.

3—To strengthen the American Navy in the Far East.

4—Make use of the \$75,000,000 authorized by Congress for China Aid.

5—Unfreeze the remaining Marshall Plan funds totalling \$107,000,000 which were available for use in non-Communist China.

He suggested that there should be a "major shake-up" in the Far Eastern Division of the State Department.

## Second Munich

Senator Knowland likened the United States Government not to yield to the "international black-mail" of the Communists.

"Recognition of the Chinese Communist regime would be a great betrayal of human freedom as the pact of Munich."

He said: "We are far weaker in the Pacific today than we were on the eve of the Pearl Harbor attack eight years ago. If Taiwan goes into untried hands, our defence of Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines is imperiled and the Pacific Coast of the United States may have to become our first line of defence."

The Senate Democratic leader, Scott Lucas, answering the Republican, told the Senate: "If you are getting ready to send the Navy to Taiwan you had better get ready to send half a thousand planes."

Just 24 hours after Mr. Truman's "State of the Union" message had praised Congress for bi-partisan co-operation in foreign policy, some Republicans were saying: "This is a very bad act."

## Truman praised

Senator Homer Ferguson said the President had "kicked the bi-partisan foreign policy out of the window."

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## Dr. Koo has no comment

Washington, January 6.

The Chinese Ambassador, Dr. Koo, declined to comment today on President Harry Truman's "hands-off" policy toward Taiwan.

"In recent conferences with State Department officials, Dr. Koo indicated he has been asking for about \$50,000,000 of the \$75,000,000 that Congress voted last year for military aid in the Far East."

"The Nationalists also have been pressing for release of approximately \$100,000,000 in economic aid funds. These were frozen last May when the Communist advance interrupted the distribution of American aid in non-Communist areas," Associated Press.

Indicates that the question of Taiwan was settled in agreements reached by secret agreements not realized by the Senate. It should await a peace treaty and not be settled by secret agreements.

Republican Senator Bourke Hickenlooper, member of Senator Connally's committee, said: "It seems this country gave away Eastern Europe and most of China to the Communists at Yalta and Potsdam. And now they are apparently deliberately completing the job by abandoning all of Asia to the Communists."

"It is not necessary to use armed force or to intervene in any present Chinese situation. But we certainly can aid in preventing Taiwan from falling into Communist hands."

He said he had believed there was a "sort of general understanding" that there would be consultation with the Senate Committee before the adoption of the policy on Taiwan.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Senate Republican Foreign Policy spokesman, voiced "regret" that the Administration had not consulted the Congress before issuing a policy statement. He said the situation will be "explored" fully when Mr. Acheson appears before the Senate Committee because many decisions still must be made.

He added, "The Taiwan question is at present clarified but it is not settled by today's executive statements. Every practical discouragement to the Communist conquest of active American military participation should be pursued in China and throughout the Far East."—United Press and Reuter.

The trouble was not that the Chinese lacked rifles or ammunition or the means to purchase them.

The trouble lay elsewhere, he added.

The advice of the American Military Mission in China was not taken and it had in no way made any substantial contribution to the organization of the Chinese Army, he said.

A mistake should not be made twice in the same place but should be made somewhere else, he added ironically.

Position confused

Mr. Acheson opened the conference saying that he would give the background to President Truman's statement.

He said that the United States had no intention of utilizing its armed forces to interfere in the present situation.

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## Taiwan regarded as part of China territory

Washington, January 5.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said today that the island of Taiwan should be regarded as part of the territory of China. Mr. Acheson said that the United States considered premature any consideration of the recognition of the Chinese Communist Government at this time.

Mr. Acheson held a Press conference to give the background to President Truman's statement today that the United States would not send military aid to the Chinese Nationalist Government.

He said that the United States was not going to attempt to get involved in any way in the Chinese civil war in Taiwan and that no responsible person could believe that he should do so.

Further questioned on the possibility of American recognition of the Chinese Communist Government, Mr. Acheson repeated that the United States attitude was that it was premature for him to consider recognition at all and that the question would not be decided without the fullest consultation with the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Mr. Acheson made it clear that whatever sort of China was recognized, Taiwan should be regarded as part of it and that the United States was not going to alter its opinion on this subject merely because those in control of China were not friendly to the United States.

He said that Taiwan had been made a province of China and governed by the Chinese for four years without the United States or its allies ever questioning Chinese authority and Chinese occupation.

No second mistake

When Taiwan was made a province of China this was regarded as in accordance with Allied commitments and nobody had had lawyers' doubts about that.

The United States had given vast amounts of military equipment to the Chinese Nationalist Government and it was recognized as the Government of China by everyone, Mr. Acheson said.

The trouble was not that the Chinese lacked rifles or ammunition or the means to purchase them.

The trouble lay elsewhere, he added.

The advice of the American Military Mission in China was not taken and it had in no way made any substantial contribution to the organization of the Chinese Army, he said.

A mistake should not be made twice in the same place but should be made somewhere else, he added ironically.

Position confused

Mr. Acheson opened the conference saying that he would give the background to President Truman's statement.

He said that the United States had no intention of utilizing its armed forces to interfere in the present situation.

The United States Government will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China.

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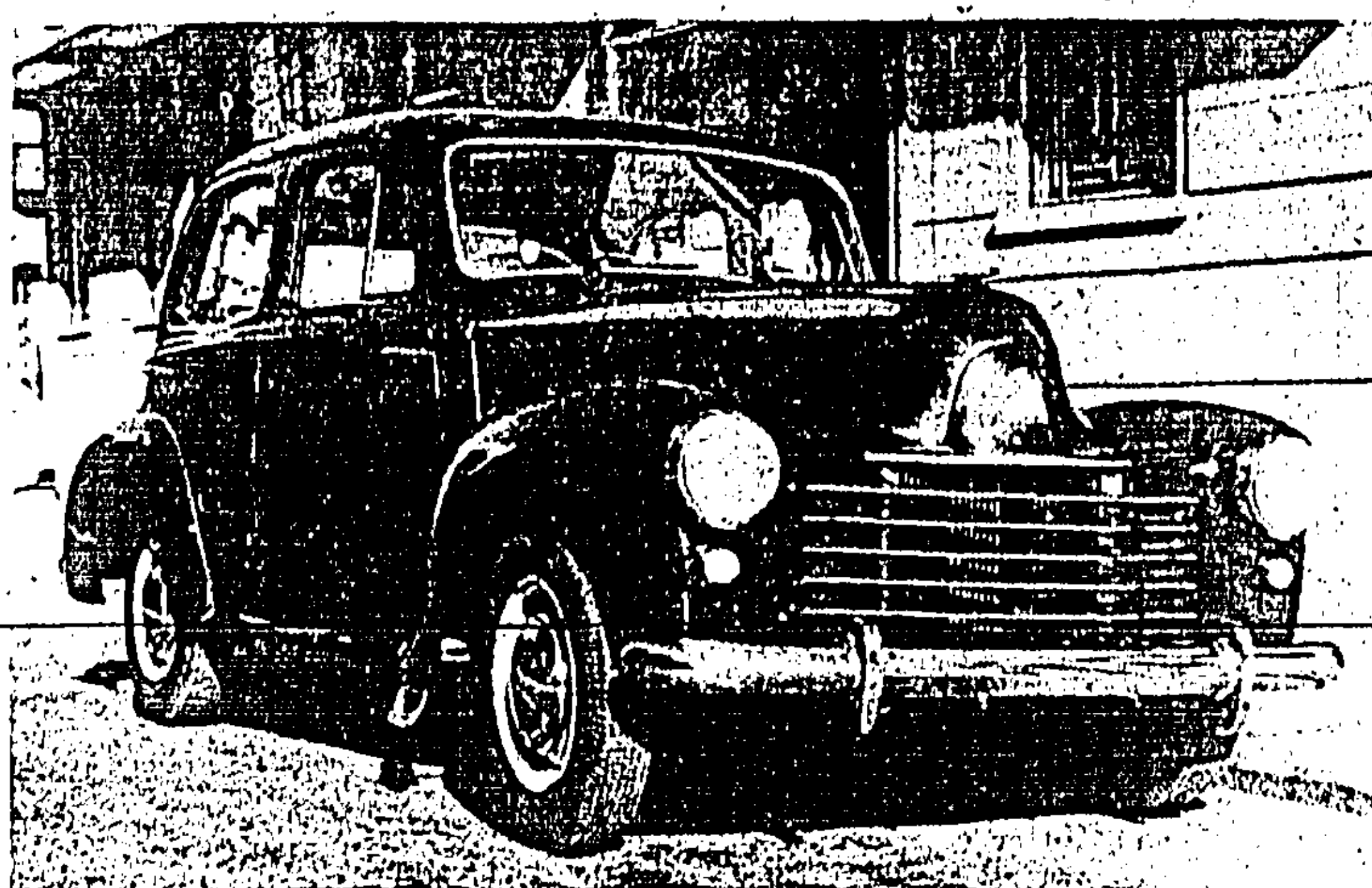
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## MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS



The popular Vauxhall Velox, the "big little" car which has proven itself to be an ideal car for Hong Kong. The 1950 model (above) continues to carry the same features as last year's model, with the exception of minor alterations.—"China Mail" photo.

### Lively Vauxhall continues popular models this year

By Our Motoring Editor

Vauxhall, which entered the field of "big little" cars with two models last year, have found their Velox and Wyvern models so successful that they have carried them over this year with only minor alterations.

The 1950 Velox, which was tested by the "China Mail" recently, once again proves that the post-war Vauxhall is a lively and compact car, giving in addition the motorist the maximum in comfort.

The car also proved remarkable for its quiet running, and the only important modification for 1950 is the provision of a new steering gear which is intended to combine these qualities with greater precision of handling, particularly at higher speeds.

Another detailed improvement which reduces friction and increases the life of the steering gear is the provision of single ball bearings in the steering yokes.

The weight of the car is supported on a ball and socket below each king pin. Each ball is surrounded with oil and improved seals are provided to retain lubrication and exclude dirt and moisture.

It is claimed that these refinements reduce friction by about 75 per cent and considerably improve control in cross winds, besides giving a lighter and more positive touch to the steering.

The latest models have head lamps one inch larger in diameter than the old ones, and separate parking lamps are now set flush in the wings below the head lamps. On the cars produced for some months past the rear appearance has been changed by moving the number plate to a new bracket on the lid of the luggage locker, where it is separately illuminated, and by the provision of flush-mounted tail lamps nearer to the wings.

This allows greater flexibility to accommodate the various number plates used in foreign countries and indicates car width at night.

The most obvious change in the appearance of the latest Vauxhalls comes from the adoption of a new and attractive type of cellulose finish known as Metallchrome, which appears for the first time on a quantity-produced car.

This extraordinary finish has something of the quality of shot silk in that the colour appears to vary with the light and the angle from which it is viewed.

The grey, for example, seems to vary from grey to silver, and in

#### COUNTERACTING VIBRATION

Designed to give controlled flexibility with a view to eliminating transmission vibration, which on certain cars causes gearbox noise and harsh movement at particular points in the speed range, the K-type Don-Flex clutch disc was introduced by Small and Parkes, Ltd., Henham Vale Works, Manchester, in last year.

Since then considerable experience has been obtained of the performance of this design when in users' hands, and particularly satisfactory reports have been received regarding units employed under most strenuous conditions by trial drivers.

The K-type, of course, does not necessarily offer any advantage where the transmission is already invariably smooth in operation.

In the K-type a Dunlop-McNab flexible centre is employed. By this means the drive is transmitted through a uniformly stressed rubber ring.

The plate which carries the clutch facings is designed to incorporate six hairpin-type steel springs which are placed between the friction linings so as to assist in smooth engagement; the linings are fixed either by rivets or by cork inserts.

The design provides for a star plate which would operate as an emergency drive if necessary, and this feature is also a factor in friction damping.

### Canadian order for Nuffield

Nuffield Exports Limited have received a cable from their Sales Director, Donald Harrison, stating "Canadian Distributors have placed orders for 7,500 Morris, Riley and M. G. to value of £2¼ million—steering approximately, and urge favourable delivery."

This is the biggest ever single order received from a dollar area by the Nuffield Organisation, and represents nearly 6,750,000 dollars at the current rate of exchange.

An official of Nuffield Exports Limited said in an interview: "Mr. Harrison is visiting the United States and Canada on a fact finding tour, following devaluation, in order to assess dollar business for 1950 as far as Nuffield vehicles are concerned."

"The request for favourable delivery means that our Shipping Department has to phase deliveries during what is actually the closed season when the St. Lawrence is frozen. This lasts approximately from November until the latter part of April. Shipping space is therefore being booked to St. John, New Brunswick, from where there is a much longer rail haul to Toronto and Winnipeg than by direct delivery to Montreal."

"The tonnage of shipping space involved will mean utilising Canadian shipping services operating from London, Liverpool, Manchester, Hull and Avonmouth."

"We shall start shipping at the rate of about 150 vehicles per week this month, working up to a maximum of 300 per week in order to clear the order."

#### ROVER PROFITS

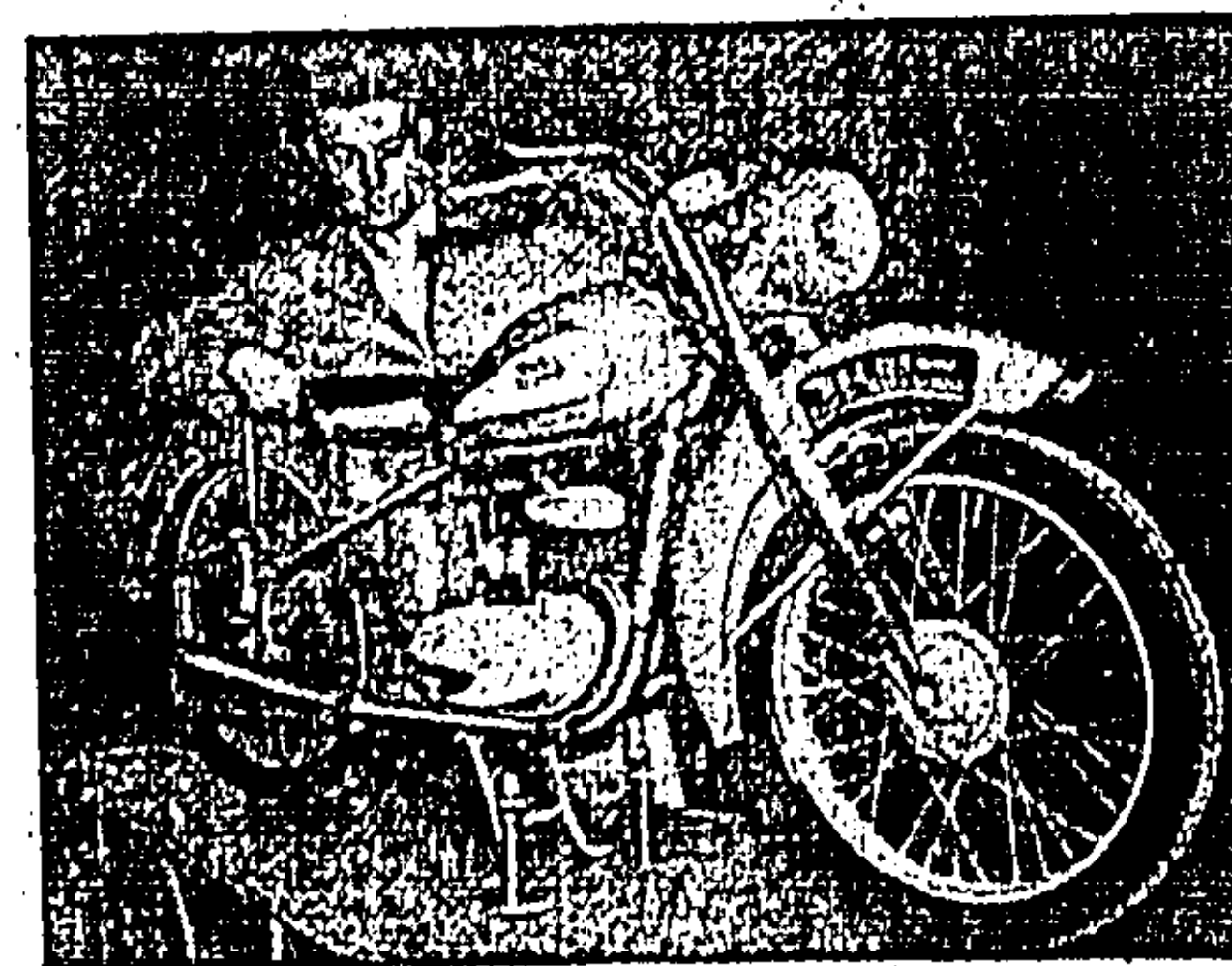
A final dividend of five per cent and a bonus of five per cent both less tax, are recommended by the directors of the Rover Co., Ltd.

This, with the interim dividend of 10 per cent already paid, makes a total distribution for the year of 20 per cent, the same as last year.

The net profit, less provision for taxation, for the year ended July 30, 1949, amounted to £158,000, an increase of £25,800 over the previous year.

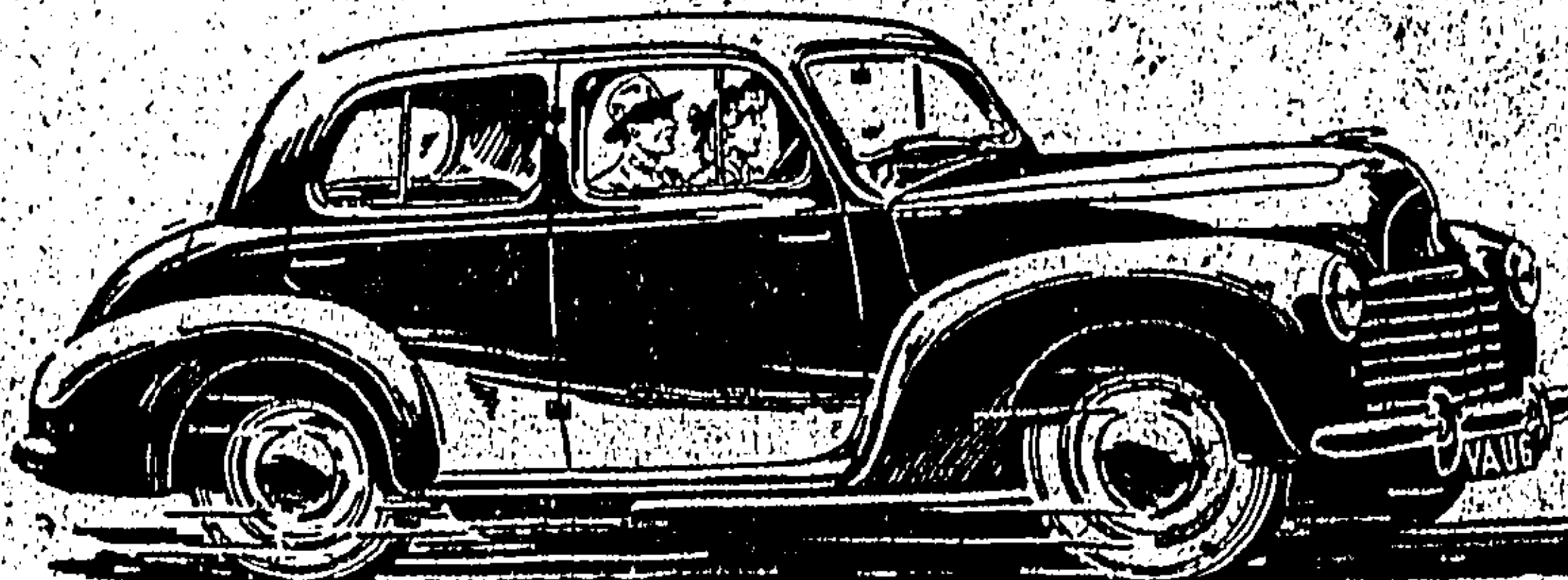
The Velox now has larger tyres, of 5.90 x 15in section.

### New lightweight motor cycle



A new lightweight motor cycle produced by the British Small Arms (BSA) Company, and exhibited at the recent Cycle and Motor Cycle Show at Earle Court, London. This motorcycle, "The Bantam," has a 125 c.c. two-stroke, three-speed engine, does 130 to 140 miles per gallon and has a maximum speed of 45 m.p.h. It has a spring frame, telescopic front forks, a petrol tank holding 15½ gallons, and Lucas lighting.

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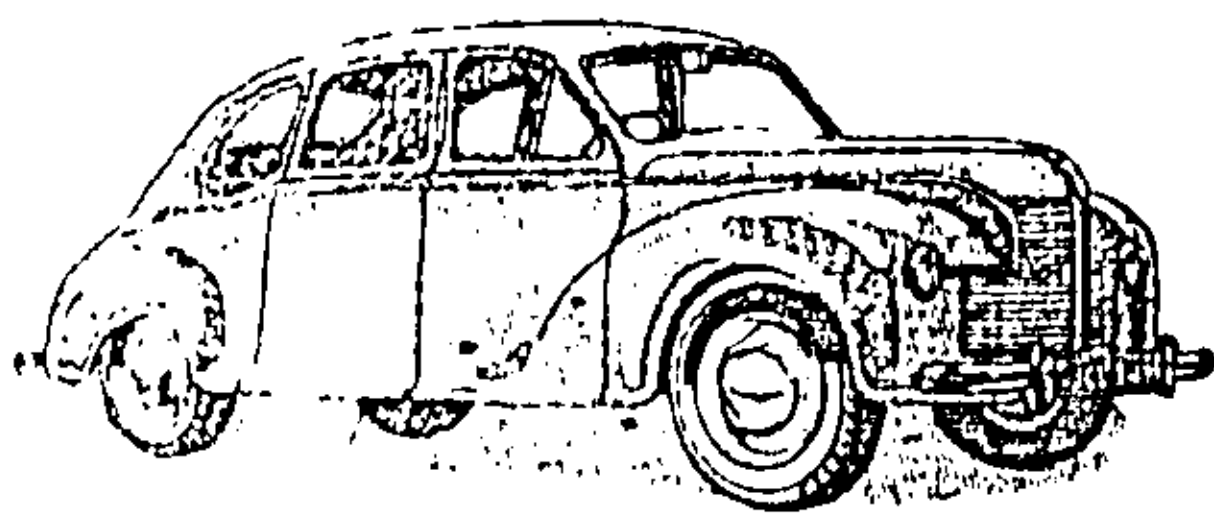
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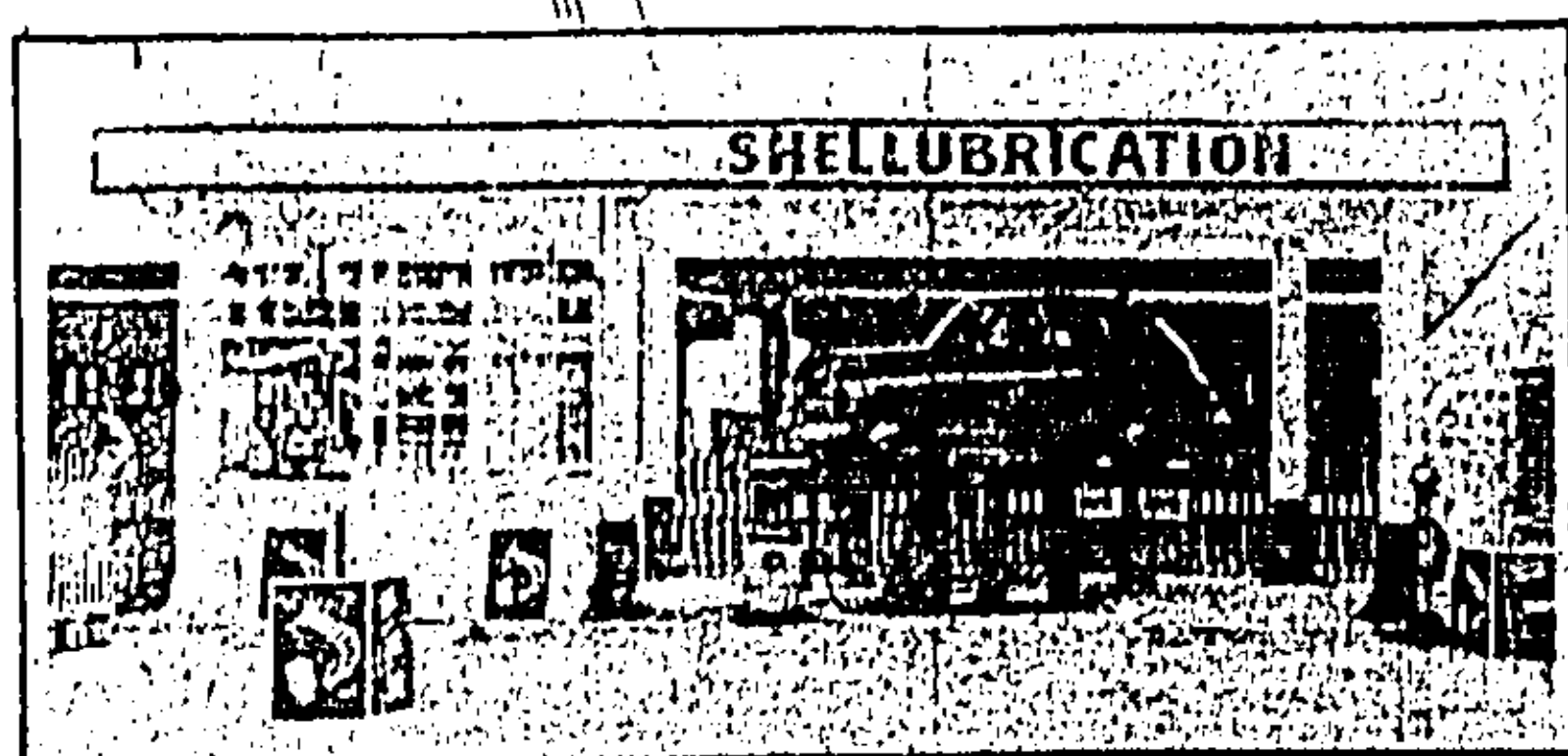
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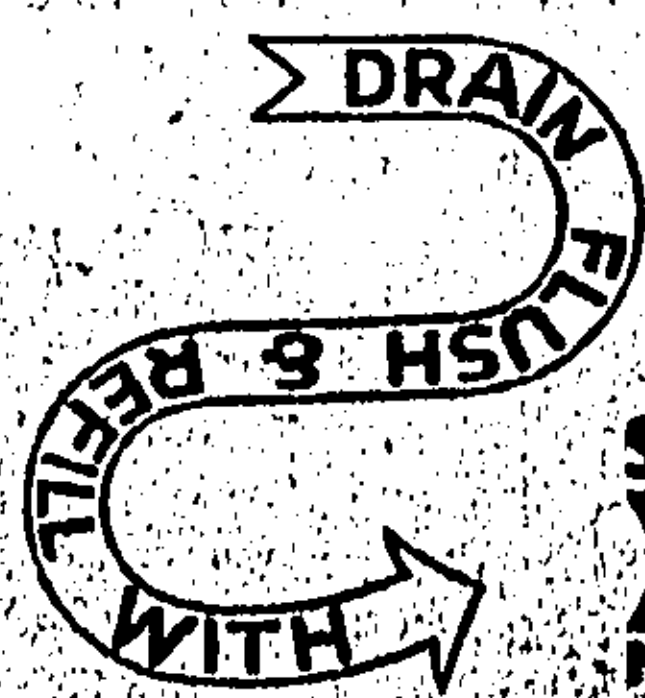


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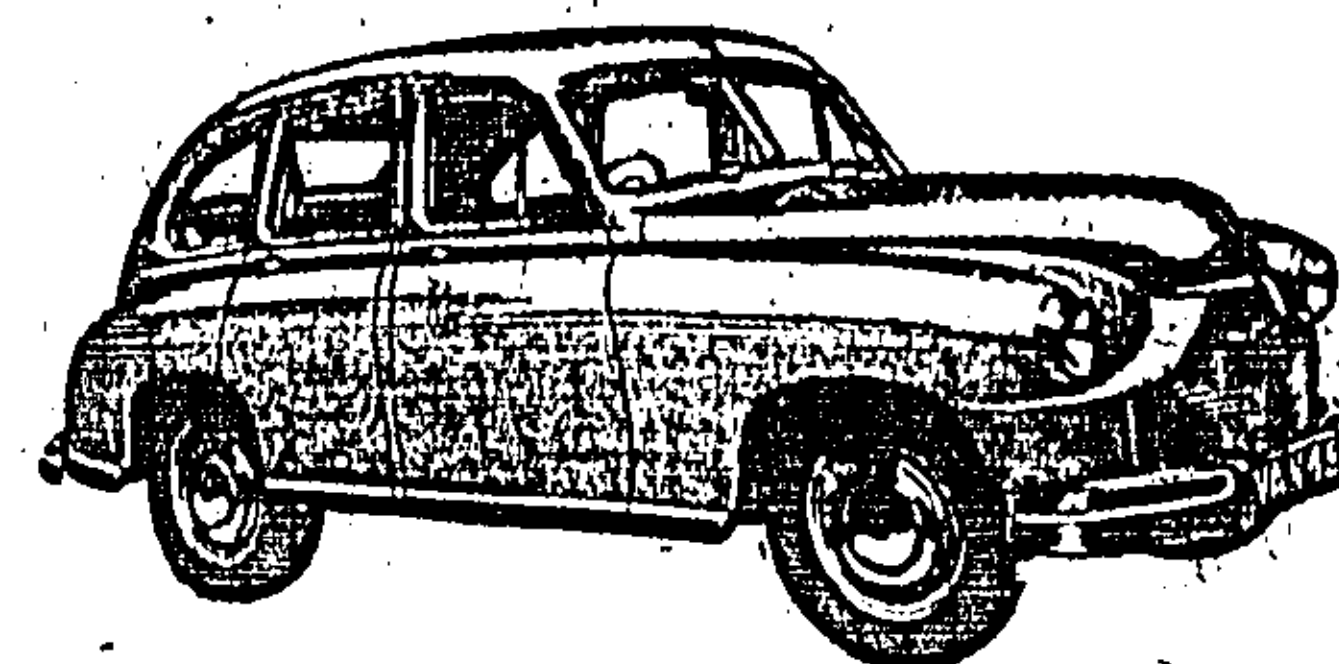
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## Internal threat to Communist party in China

Neutral political observers are of the opinion that one of the gravest threats during the next few years to the Communist programme of creating a totalitarian China may come from within the Communist Party itself.

This threat is diversionism, which has already cropped up among the rank and file of the party and army. The existence of liberalism, democratic individualism, nationalistic patriotism and laxity in party and army discipline has been openly admitted by Communist newspapers.

Incorrect implementation of policies on the part of Communist administrative officials and a relaxation in the revolutionary spirit crystallised in the sentiment of "now that we have got it let's take it easy" have been reported.

In contradistinction to departure from the "party line" there is also what Communist leaders describe as "ultra-Leftist" tendencies in adhering to the "party line," endangering the many divisions, measures which the Communist high command are adopting to achieve their end of totalitarianism.

Especially distasteful to the "ultra-Leftists" are the Communist desecration of the "cooperation" with the so-called democratic parties and personages in which these parties, and personages are given a share in the new political power and treated like "Royal guests" in Peking.

2. The policy of permitting private business and industries in the urban areas.

**Dislike of newcomers**

One of the results of these policies is that many Communist who went through years of hardship and danger in the revolutionary struggle found themselves being asked to continue to bear hardships and danger with men who had made any active contribution towards the revolution are given high official positions and a comfortable livelihood.

This gave rise to the popular complaint among the "ultra-Leftists" that "To be an old revolutionary is not as good as to be a new revolutionary. And to be a new revolutionary is not as good as to be a non-revolutionary."

This dislike of the new revolutionaries is evidenced in the action of lower-ranking Communist officials in adopting a "closed door" policy in the admission of members to the New Democratic Youth Corps which, according to regulations laid down by the Communist high command, open to youths of all creeds for indoctrination as potential members of the Communist Party.

In addition, there are signs of divergent sentiments on several basic political issues. For instance, one Communist member told this correspondent in a private conversation that new China would fight all imperialism including Soviet Russia if she is found to be also imperialistic. Such a sentiment of doubt about Soviet Russia is a taboo in the eyes of the doctrinaire Communists whose conviction is that Soviet Russia cannot be imperialistic.

Another instance is the belief of a high-ranking Communist official in Nanking that the United States policy of the new government is merely a "propaganda stunt" and not an unchangeable state policy. In a conversation with a friend of this correspondent, the official advised him to tell his American friends not to worry about the "propaganda stunt."

**Rival cliques**

There are also signs of cliques in the office. These signs are most evident in the East China area, where for several months General Chen Yi's Third Field Army and Liu Po-cheng's Second Field Army exercised joint control. There were known cases of wrestling for technical personnel between the two field army commands and also cases of wrestling for power between army commander Chen Yi's men and his political commissar Jao Shu-shih's men, and between the

"technical men" faction and "political men" faction in Shanghai. Diversionism as yet is still confined to the minority of the Communist rank and file but it is spreading and apparently is regarded with concern by the Communist high command.

Many Communist commanders, including Mao Tse-tung, Liu Po-cheng and Lin Biao, had on several occasions publicly reprimanded the diversionists. In Nanking a party meeting was held last September to conduct a purge of thought and strengthen organisational discipline.

The majority of Communist members are, it is generally conceded by neutral observers, still conscientious and loyal revolutionaries. There is universal praise for their devotion to their revolutionary cause and ideals and their spirit of self-denial and self-sacrifice.

**Health affected**

Their capacity for "enduring hardships" is also considerably exemplified. The average Communist (staff workers) works from 10 to 14 hours a day. He is given lodging, food and clothing of the lowest grade and a small pocket money. If he is married, his wife has to work to support herself.

The strain of overwork and hard living conditions over a number of years has, however, telling effects on the health of the Communists.

According to one Nanking doctor, he has given a temporary appointment in the medical corps, tuberculosis, neuritis and night blindness all due to undernourishment and over-exercising are the most common diseases in the Liberation Army. For the purpose of maintaining the spiritual morale of individual workers, tuberculosis is recorded as bronchitis in one Communist organisation in Nanking.—United Press.

## DON IDDON'S DIARY

### U.S. interest in elections

The wonderful windfall from Australia has won American approval for all the British. We are being smiled upon and winked at. Christmas carols are being crooned in our special direction.

If the Americans had master-minded the free-enterprise campaign, they could hardly be happier, and any minute now they expect Robert Menzies to be revealed as part-American himself, having a New York belle for mother and a rock-ribbed Yankee as grandfather.

The U.S. never reluctant to claim credit for anything worthwhile, is convincing itself that it played some part in ejecting the Labour Government and returning Mr. Menzies to power.

I am pleased and astonished at the enormous American interest in the Australian election. It was a front-page story right across the country and today is the subject of hundreds of editorials.

**Out of hand**

There is even a naive belief that once Britain's Socialists follow New Zealand's and Australia's into the discard the dollar problem will solve itself, prosperity will abound, and there will be limitless steaks, beer, cigarettes, petrol, and pensions for all English-speaking people.

This American enthusiasm is a bit out of hand. Already some big firms have plunged deep into our election campaign under the mistaken impression that they have some claim in our affairs.

There are whole-page advertisements in newspapers and magazines headed "You can't eat hate" and saying "The Socialists in England plot over their success in destroying the rich," and worse.

This unsought advice and abuse could boomerang and help rather than handicap Britain's Labour Party. And a lot of space and attention is being given to visiting Tories with extreme views, who do the Conservatives more harm than good.

For instance, Mr. Cecil Palmer, described as an English writer and publisher, has been headlined as saying here: "Four years of Socialisation have left the British frustrated, regimented, undernourished, depleted, and per-

### Compensation for blockade runners

Telph. January 6. The Chinese Communists have promised to reimburse shipping lines if their vessels are damaged in running the Nationalist blockade of Communist-held ports, according to well-informed sources here.

These sources said the owners of the American ship, *Flying Arrow*, have been assured by the Communist that they would assume responsibility for damage to the vessel, or any injuries to crew.

A Chinese ship, which was shelled by the Nationalists, was paid compensation by the Communists, according to these sources.—Hester.

... the most miserable people on earth.

Who is Cecil Palmer? And what sort of man is he to run his own country and people down before an American audience? He is a most miserable spokesman to send here. He does himself, his party, and his country disservice by this walling and weeping out of school.

Peace and good will have been lacking from the American scene this week, although we are all hung heavy with holly and mistletoe.

There has been another absurd scare over the atom bomb. In an outbreak of hysteria, deliberately whipped up by radio commentators Fulton Lewis Junior (with emphasis on the Junior), the late Harry Hopkins has been smeared as a tool of the Russians, who handed over atom bomb secrets to the Kremlin.

**Bad business**

The charges have been investigated and proved groundless. First a dead man is smeared and then he is cleared. It has been a bad business and lot of people should feel ashamed.

The clearing of Hopkins's name has put more spirit into the Liberals. At last there is a mutiny against J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Investigation and its Thought Police.

For months young G-men have been quizzing and quizzing taxpayers on their own and their employees' political beliefs, reading habits, political companionship, likes and dislikes.

I have had agents call on me and ask whether, in office, I employed in the Daily Mail office read Karl Marx and expressed subversive views.

**Public roused**

When I asked what all this was to do with the G-men he said: "The girl has applied for a job as a 'Zoo' Office clerk—all Government servants have to be investigated."

This nonsense has finally infuriated large sections of the population, who believe it is their own business what books they read, which people they meet, which politics they embrace, or what cocktails they drink.

I treated New York's water shortage jokingly last week, but it is no joke now. The shortage is approaching crisis. All building and car-washing is banned, and there will be a test this week during which everyone will be asked not to use water for any purpose at all for three to six hours.

The city is in danger, and if this drain on the water supplies continues there could be difficulty in handling a big fire.

There are prayers in churches: "Give us this day our daily bread—and water." Tens of thousands of water wars have been mobilised to prevent waste.

**Crime increase**

Another menace facing New York is the greatly increased

number of crimes in the Under-ground railways.

There have been so many stabbings, shuggings, and cases of robbery and assault that the subway police force has been doubled.

Crime has increased by 69 per cent. since 1939 and hundreds of thousands of petitions are being pushed under doors demanding action from the mayor, William O'Dwyer.

The mayor, recovering gradually from a nervous and physical collapse, promises action. The proposal to increase his salary from 25,000 to 40,000 dollars a year has been received critically by the newspapers, but warmly by the public.

Heard around town: The latest evening fashions make every woman look like a lady—Lady Godiva.

Senators recently returned from Europe say their trips have made a hole in their expenses. There has been very little profit in them for the country, either.

Shirkers should remember that liberty can perish from oration as well as from sudden earthquake.

I went to the farewell lunch for David Webster, of the Covent Garden Opera Trust, this week. We were there to do honour to Mr. Webster for the great triumph of the Sandler's Wells Ballet here. Mr. Webster took it very much in his stride, and I hope we don't get too overweening because of our ballet's colossal success.

Part of that success is due to the extraordinarily generous way in which American and Canadian audiences took it to their heart. We are the best, but even the best are only as good as their last performance.

The British comedy "Clutterbuck," an unashamed sex farce which explores the intimacies of illicit love, is delighting New York. Benn Levy should make a lot of dollars.

The play is particularly welcome, as Broadway is cluttered with serious messages, social subterfuges, and tear-jerkers.

Footnote: The latest score from Australia—two down and one to go.

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## Resignation of Greek leaders

Athens, January 5.

Greece's Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant-General George Cosmas, resigned tonight in support of Field Marshal Alexander Papagos, the Commander-in-Chief, whose resignation earlier today precipitated a Government crisis.

The Prime Minister, M. Alexander Diomedes, handed his resignation of his six-months' old Cabinet to King Paul when two of his Ministers resigned after Field Marshal Papagos announced his decision.

Field Marshal Papagos, who led the Greek contingent at Britain's Victory Parade of 1946, resigned suddenly because of remarks in a speech yesterday by the Populist Deputy Premier, M. Constantin Tsaldaris.

The War Minister, M. Panayotis Carelleopoulos, a Populist, and the Deputy Premier, M. Sophocles Venizelos, a Liberal, followed suit.

M. Venizelos has suggested to the Prime Minister that he advise King Paul to speed up the general elections, due next April, to avoid agitation which might have jeopardised the recovery effort.

M. Venizelos said he thought a 45-day pre-electoral campaign would be enough. If his suggestion is accepted by the King,

elections will be held early in March.

Field Marshal Papagos' position will have to await the end of the political crisis. Reports that he had decided to stand for election himself could not be confirmed tonight.

Marshal Papagos has two big military triumphs to his credit. When Italy declared war on Greece on October 28, 1940 General Papagos was appointed Generalissimo of the Greek Army, and his armies not only threw back the Italians but marched into Albania, taking more than 20,000 Italian prisoners.

After the German occupation, Papagos was arrested and put into a concentration camp. He was liberated by American forces in May, 1945.

His latest success was his campaign against the guerrillas in Greece. After a three-year campaign he announced the complete defeat of the guerrillas on Christmas Day, 1949.—Reuter.

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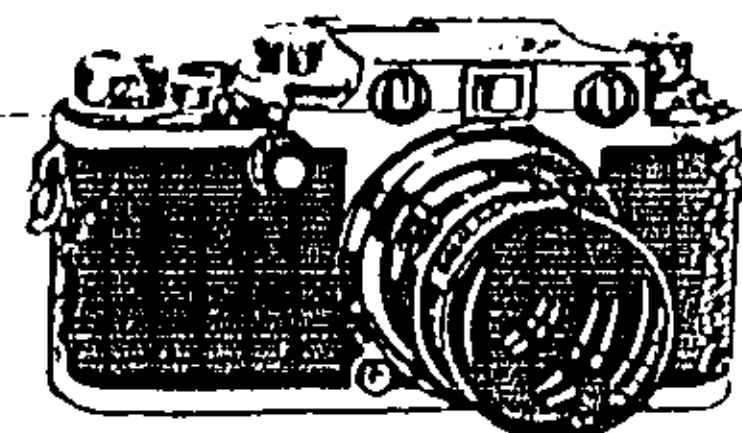
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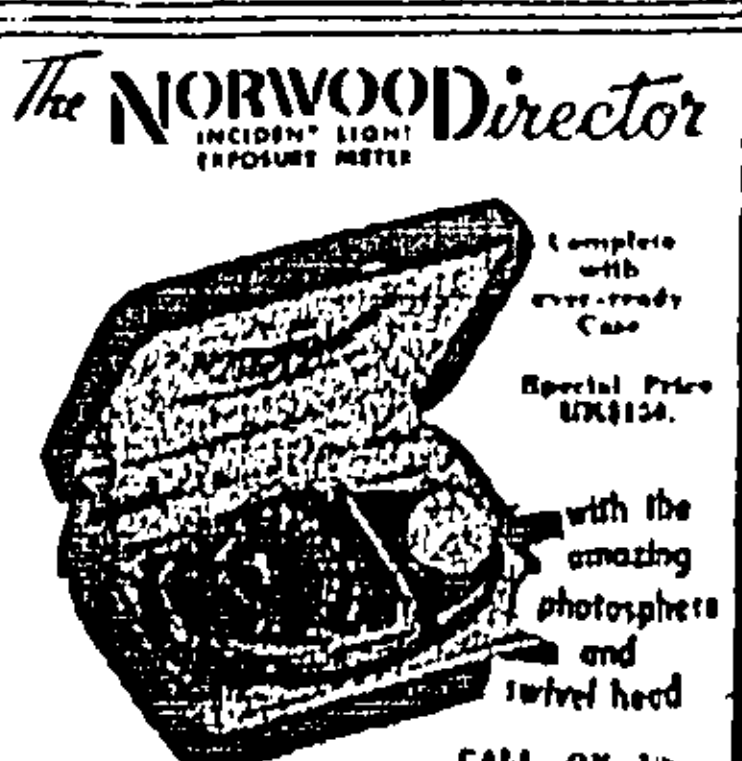


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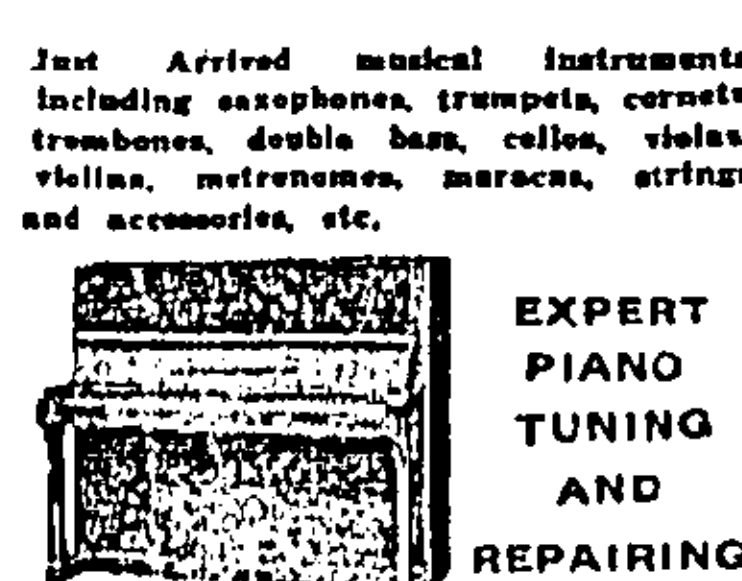
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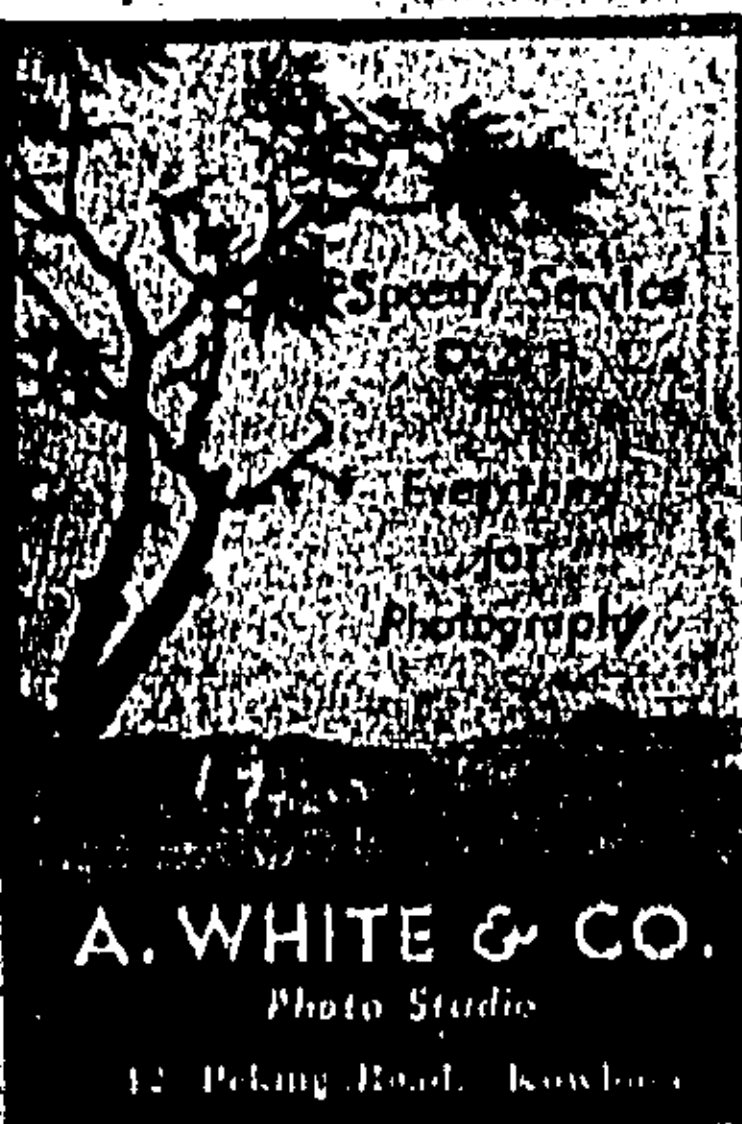


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## Americans missing in Philippines

Manila, January 6.  
Press reports from Baguio  
said today that two Ameri-  
can professors at the Univer-  
sity of the Philippines have  
been missing since December  
21, when they set out on a  
hiking expedition into the in-  
terior of the mountain pro-  
vince.

The two men are Marvin  
Pittman, geography professor,  
and Robert Conklin, Fulbright  
scholar, who arrived in the  
Philippines last July.—Unit-  
ed Press.

## Good thing Japan lost the war

New York, January 6.  
Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, President  
of the International Christian  
University in Japan, told a  
luncheon group today that it  
was a good thing Japan was  
defeated in the war because it  
gave Japan an opportunity for  
self-searching and to seek a  
new cultural basis for life.

Dr. Yuasa, who takes over offi-  
cially in April, said the new Uni-  
versity would stress the cultural  
aspect and emphasize education,  
government and social service in  
preparing leaders for the Japan  
of tomorrow and enable that  
country to take its rightful place  
among the democracies.

Some 200 persons attended the  
luncheon, including the former  
U.S. Ambassador to Tokyo, Joseph  
Grew, national chairman of the  
fund-raising organization, who  
said: "Young men and women in  
Japan today are at the crossroads  
on one hand the great oppor-  
tunity of accepting democracy, its  
shortcomings and its assets, and  
on the other hand the attraction  
of the Communists, who offer to  
solve all problems at the price of  
freedom. This is the challenge."  
—United Press.

## KING'S MESSAGE TO GREECE

Athens, January 5.  
King George of Britain has  
sent a message to the Greek  
Government expressing his  
deepest sympathy for the Greek  
people and suffering of the re-  
moval of thousands of their children  
from their homes and their  
country.

"This was revealed today when  
Sir Clifford Norton, the British  
Ambassador, notified Archbishop  
Spyridon that the King had duly  
received his telegram of appre-  
ciation and that the contents had  
been brought to the knowledge  
of His Majesty's Government in  
the United Kingdom and the  
Governments in the other Com-  
monwealth countries."

Last Thursday, Greece observed  
a day of national mourning at  
a protest against the abduction of  
28,000 Greek children by Com-  
munist guerrillas who took them  
to countries in Eastern Europe.—  
Associated Press.

## ROYAL ARMS REMOVED

New Delhi, January 3.  
The Royal Crest of Arms, which  
symbolized British authority in  
India, has been removed from the  
canopy of the Speaker's chair in  
the Indian Parliament's Council  
Chamber.

The Royal Crest engraved in  
marble on the walls of the  
Princes' Chamber, now housing  
the Indian Federal Court, has  
also been removed.

The 500-pounds bronze Royal  
Crown which capped the dome of  
the Indian Parliament buildings  
was removed a few weeks ago.—  
Reuter.



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# AMERICA MAY MANUFACTURE SUPER-BOMBS OF HYDROGEN

Washington, January 5.  
President Truman today refused to confirm or deny  
published assertions that he is studying the  
feasibility of a vast project to manufacture  
super atomic bombs made of hydrogen.  
He also said at his news conference that he has  
received no advance information that Russia  
plans to set off another atomic explosion at  
midnight on Saturday.

He made this statement when  
questioned about a London re-  
port that another Soviet atom  
bomb blast is imminent.

The super-bomb project was  
brought up by a reporter who  
asked the President for comment  
on an editorial published on Wed-  
nesday by the "Washington Post."  
The paper said that Mr. Tru-  
man's advisers have presented him  
with data on a hydrogen bomb,  
and have asked him to decide  
whether to recommend that the  
United States try to manufacture  
it.

The newspaper said the Presi-  
dent will decide one way or the  
other before February 15, when  
David Lilienthal returns as Chair-  
man of the Atomic Energy Com-  
mission. Mr. Lilienthal wanted to  
leave on December 31, but the  
President asked him to stay on for  
another month and a half. To  
questions about the "Washington  
Post" editorial the President said  
only that he had no comment to  
make.

The super-bomb, which has  
been described by scientists as  
a theoretical possibility, would  
employ a nuclear reaction using  
hydrogen, the atomic "fuel" of  
the sun and stars.

Two months ago Democratic  
Senator Edwin Johnson said the  
United States is making progress  
toward the development of an  
atomic bomb 1,000 times more  
powerful than the uranium-plu-  
tonium bombs now being manu-  
factured by the United States and  
the USSR.

## Theoretically possible

Senator Johnson's statement  
has received no official con-  
firmation, although scientists  
have said that the hydrogen  
super bomb is possible—at  
least on paper. They have said  
that it would take an effort  
comparable to the present  
atomic project, to test whether  
the super-bomb is technically  
feasible.

Concerning the London story  
about a new Soviet atomic blast,  
the reporter noted that Mr. Tru-  
man had previously announced  
last September 23 that there has  
been an atomic explosion in  
Russia. He asked the President  
what he could say about the Lon-  
don report. The President said  
he could say nothing about it.  
He said that he had had no  
advance information about the  
explosion he announced in Sep-  
tember, and that he had no ad-  
vance information now about the  
blast predicted in the London  
report.

Information from many sources  
indicates that the Soviet Union  
succeeded in manufacturing the  
atomic bomb at considerably re-  
duced expense, and is in a po-  
sition to produce between 40 and 50  
atomic bombs yearly.

These conclusions about the  
atomic situation in the USSR are  
drawn from evidence which in-  
cludes:

a.) Certain statements made  
during recent weeks by Soviet  
military circles in Germany;

b.) Unofficial statements in  
the Soviet Press;

c.) Confidential bulletins of  
the Academy of Science of the  
USSR "Bulletin of the Physics  
and Mathematics Section," some  
copies of which were brought into  
Western Europe;

d.) Statement made by de-  
serters from the Soviet army.

Information obtained from all  
sources quoted tends to indicate  
beyond question that the stage of  
industrial manufacture of atomic  
bombs has been reached in Russia  
well ahead of the time antici-  
pated by the Western powers and  
at considerably reduced expense.



When it was submitted, repre-  
sentatives of the three powers  
had already reached a general  
understanding on other provisions.  
Consequently, it appears that  
the British request for the bombs  
may become the point on which  
the whole partnership project will  
stand or fall. Also, efforts to  
reach agreement will require  
longer than previously estimated  
by American authorities.

Three power exploratory talks  
adjourned a month ago are ex-  
pected to be resumed in Wash-  
ington later this month.

President Harry Truman, under  
his pledge made last summer, will  
consult with the Congressional  
Atomic Energy Committee before  
any agreement is made. Pre-  
sumably the British and Canadian  
governments will likewise seek  
Parliamentary support.

Meanwhile, the provisional  
arrangement under which the  
British and Canadians get some  
atomic information from the  
United States, and the United  
States gets the lion's share of  
Belgian Congo uranium is still  
effective by common agreement.

Otherwise, it is reported, it  
would have expired at the end of  
1949.

The question of handing over  
atomic bombs to Britain would  
be opposed strongly by some

# ICY COLD SWEEPS AMERICA

New York, January 5.  
Floods drowned two men  
as icy cold and rain swept the  
far Western and Southern  
United States today and drove  
towards the Eastern sea-  
board, which has been bask-  
ing in June-in-January  
warmth.

An icy current washed the two  
men to their deaths when their  
car stopped on a flooded high-  
way near Walnut Ridge,  
Arkansas. They clung to tree-  
tops for four hours.

Sub-freezing weather further  
endangered the multi-million  
dollar citrus and vegetable crops  
in Southern California.

Scores of families were made  
homeless by floods in parts of  
Tennessee, Illinois and Kentucky.

Bitter cold continued over  
most of the mid-Western states  
with an Arctic belt extending  
from Montana into Iowa.

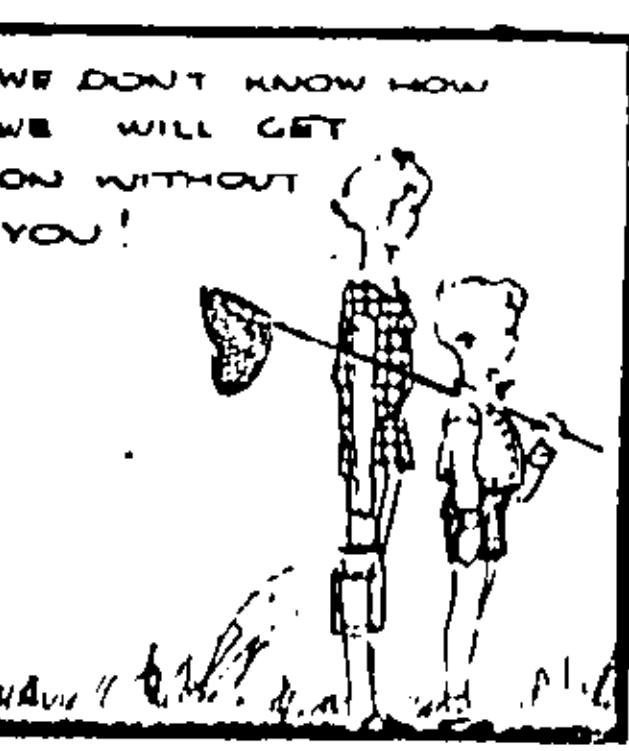
Cold and rain also struck  
Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama  
and Tennessee, dropping the  
mercury 30 to 40 degrees in  
some places where a few hours  
before people had enjoyed sum-  
mer-like heat.

In Minnesota the temperature  
tumbled to 26 below zero fa-  
hrenheit.—Associated Press.

## JAPAN-SIAM TRADE PACT

Tokyo, January 6.  
Japan and Siam will sign a  
\$80,000,000 trade agreement based  
on the exchange of Japanese  
textiles for Siamese rice around  
the middle of January, according  
to Japanese trade circles.  
Siam will also get a big rail-  
way rolling stock shipment from  
Japan under the agreement.—  
Reuter.

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## Formal announcement of recognition made

(Continued From Page 1)

The selection of a new British ambassador to Peking, expected to be Mr. M. E. Denning, head of the Foreign Office Far Eastern Department, will await until the British embassy and archives have been transferred from Nanking to Peking.

Though Britain last night severed relations with the Chinese Nationalist Government, it was expected that the British Government would leave a consul in Taiwan on a de facto basis to look after local British interests in the same way that British consuls were left in parts of China under Communist control while Britain was in relations with the Nationalist Government. The British consul would not be accredited to the Nationalist Government but would maintain de facto relations with the authorities actually administering Taiwan.

### Reaction in Taipeh

Chinese Nationalist leaders in Taipeh received today's announcement of Britain's recognition of the Chinese Communists with bitterness and regret, adds a United Press despatch from Taipeh.

The Foreign Minister, Dr. George Yeh, issued the following statement: "I view with mingled regret and astonishment the phenomenon of Britain rushing to offer recognition to the puppet Peking Communist regime which could lay no valid claim to either full sovereignty or voluntary support of the greater majority of the Chinese people. That a nation which led the world in the institution of democracy should be among the first to have relations with a totalitarian regime of Asia must be a source of sore disappointment to all believers of democracy in China and elsewhere. In the face of this British action the Chinese government has no choice but to recall her diplomatic mission from Britain."

The Prime Minister, Yen Hsi-shan, also issued a brief statement. He said: "The British recognition came as no surprise to me. But it is regrettable in view of the long years of friendly relations between China and Britain. As I have said many times before, the Chinese Communist is a creation of the Third Internationale and cannot be considered an ally or friend of those countries pledged to fight aggression."

He declined comment on the possible consequences of the British action but said the purpose of the recognition could not be fulfilled. Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

### SYDNEY DOCK STRIKE SPREADS

Sydney, January 6. The Sydney dockers' strike spread today and threatened to paralyze the port and the up all shipping. Thirty ships and a number of inter-state vessels were idle tonight. More than 3,500 men went on strike yesterday in a dispute over the employment of men, who are not members of the Waterside Workers Federation, as first aid officers on overseas vessels.

The Overseas Shipping Representatives Association has refused to meet Federation representatives, claiming it is not bound to employ union members, since first aid men from other unions are available. Reuter.

## Killers of Stewart sentenced

Sibu, Sarawak, January 6. Two Malay youths were sentenced to death here today for the murder of Mr. Duncan Stewart, British Governor of Sarawak, who died of stab wounds in Singapore on December 10.

The two condemned men, Rosli Bin Obi, 19, and Morshidi Din Sidek, 23, had pleaded guilty to stabbing the Governor as he inspected a children's guard of honour at Sibu on December 3.

After hearing the sentence, the two pleaded for clemency. Rosli said he would appeal to the Supreme Court at Kuching. In evidence, the two accused said they were members of an organization called the "Thirteen" with the aim of assassinating leading British officials.

They accused a Malay, Awang Rumbil, now in prison pending an enquiry, of forming the organization and of goading them to kill the Governor.

Rosli's statement said he had dived at the Governor with a knife, but missed him. He had then thrown the knife, and did not know whether it hit the Governor or not.

Morshidi said he had "pretended to take a picture" while Rosli attacked the Governor. He had then followed and drawn a knife, but was seized by the police.

A number of men named in the statements as members of the "Essential Ingredients" Organisation are in jail awaiting an enquiry. Reuter.

## Murderer of father-in-law hanged

London, January 6. Daniel Raven, 23, was hanged here today for the murder of his father-in-law, after frenzied efforts to secure a reprieve had failed.

Late last night, Raven's father stated he had new evidence bearing on the case. It is understood that police inquiries into the information put forward by the father continued into the early morning, without yielding any result.

Raven was tried for the murder of his father-in-law, Mr. Leopold Goodman, and found guilty. Mr. Goodman and his wife were found battered to death last October, shortly after returning from a nursing home where they and Raven had visited his wife. She had given birth to a son four days before. Reuter.

### L.K. LITTLE LEAVES CMC POST

Taipei, January 6. More than 100 years of foreign control of the famed Chinese Maritime Customs ended Friday with departure of Inspector General L.K. Little for the United States.

Mr. Little was the first American to hold the post. He was appointed in 1943 after a succession of British inspectors general. He has been with the Customs service for 35 years.

Before leaving he urged strong United States action to prevent Chinese Communists from seizing Taiwan. Associated Press.

## Sit-down strike at rubber factory

Workers at the Continental Rubber Manufactory, Hunghom, Kowloon, went on a sit-down strike yesterday when their demand for a 40 per cent increase in wages was turned down.

The managements offered 10 per cent which the workers flatly refused.

The workers had been on a "go slow" since Wednesday. On the first day production fell by one-third, and on the next day it was sliced by one-half. Yesterday there was a complete sit-down.

The Continental Rubber Manufactory is one of the largest factories making rubber footwear in the Colony. Like other factories making rubber shoes, it has booked large orders, mostly for the United Kingdom, which should keep the factory working full time up to May.

The workers in this trade are in a particularly strong position at present, with all the factories booked up with orders for the next four months, and there is no dearth of work, owing to a shortage of skilled workers.

## Indian policy towards Indo-China

New Delhi, January 6. Prime Minister Pandit Nehru said today that India's policy was not to give official recognition to an government in Indo-China because parts of Indo-China are under one authority, and other parts under another authority.

"We cannot recognise any government as the government of Indo-China," he added. Mr. Nehru was replying to a question at his monthly press conference whether India would recognise the Bao Dai Government.

Asked whether India did not recognise French suzerainty over Indo-China, Mr. Nehru replied that the question arose only when Indian interests were concerned.

Matters relating to Indian interests in areas where the French Government held sway were referred by India to the French Government. It was no good referring to them for other areas where they did not have any authority.

Asked whether the government of India had heard from the Chinese Communist Government since India's recognition of it last week, Mr. Nehru said: "We have not had any answer yet."

The Prime Minister, who made all his statements in reply to correspondents' questions, described Taiwan, where the Chinese Nationalist Government had its headquarters, as "a danger point."

But he added: "One does not know what developments may take place. It is a complicated situation. I do not mean a danger point in the sense of war, or anything arising there on any big scale, but it is a matter which possibly may cause a great deal of friction and tension." Reuter.

## US LINES NOT RUNNING BLOCKADE

Manila, January 6. The United States Lines Company's branch office here said today that the shipping line's headquarters has issued instructions against trying to run the China blockade. United Press.

### TUGBOAT STRIKE

Baltimore, January 6. Thirty-eight tugboats went on strike today with 42 cargo ships in port. 21 of them foreign-owned. Three ships moved without tugs during the day.

Foreign vessels loading or unloading included three British and Swedish, four Norwegian, two Italian and one Danish. Associated Press.

## Destroyer diverted on way to HK

London, January 4. The destroyer Cockade is the British warship which the British Administration in Eritrea announced last night is going to Massawa as a security measure, an authoritative source said today.

The vessel is being diverted from a voyage to join the Far Eastern Fleet at Hong Kong, the source said. Reuter.

## RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.55 megacycles per second in the 21 metre band.

4.45-7 P.M.

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.45—"The Cretaceous"—Presented by Douglas McLeod. (Studio)

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# ROYAL INTER-OCEAN LINES

JAYA PORTS and MACASSAR

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIBADAK" 10th Jan.	12th Jan.
"TJITJALENGKA" 7th Feb.	31st Jan.

## MANILA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	

SINGAPORE, PENANG and BELAWAN DELI

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"VAN HEUTSZ" 12th Jan.	8th Jan.
"TJIBADAK" 19th Jan.	12th Jan.
"TJITJALENGKA" 7th Feb.	31st Jan.

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SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"TJIKAMPEK" 25th Jan.	
"RUYS" 23rd Feb.	
"TJISADANE" 12th Jan.	

Callings at Mombasa & L. Marques direct  
Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to  
Dar-Es-Salaam and Zanzibar.

## JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RUYS" 14th Jan.	11th Jan.
"TJISADANE" 14th Jan.	

Agents: HOLLAND—EAST ASIA LINE  
EUROPE via MANILA and MALAYA

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIDDERKERK" 8th Jan.	20th Jan.
"LANGLEESCOT" Late Feb.	

Transshipment cargo accepted on through B/L to  
Mediterranean and Northern European ports.

## JAPAN

SAILINGS	ARRIVALS
"RIDDERKERK" 8th Jan.	20th Jan.
"LANGLEESCOT" 25th Jan.	Late Feb.

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ARRIVALS FROM ATLANTIC

"PIONEER MAIL" Jan. 15	
"PIONEER BAY" Jan. 22	
"PIONEER DALE" Feb. 11	
"AMERICAN REPORTER" Feb. 22	

SAILING TO MANILA

"PIONEER MAIL" Jan. 18	
"PIONEER BAY" Jan. 23	
"PIONEER DALE" Feb. 12	
"AMERICAN REPORTER" (Pass. Yokohama) Feb. 23	

SAILINGS TO NEW YORK, BOSTON,

"PIONEER COVE" 9th Jan.	9th Jan.
"PIONEER BAY" 20th Jan.	20th Jan.
"PIONEER DALE" 30th Jan.	30th Jan.
"PIONEER MAIL" 6th Feb.	6th Feb.

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UNITED STATES LINES  
Company Tel: 25196

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and the latest rates, call 25196.

## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

### BRITAIN OPPOSES AMERICA IN FEC

Washington, January 5.

Informed sources said today that Britain, at a closed meeting of the Far Eastern Commission today, opposed the United States plan to permit the Japanese wider participation in international affairs, pending the conclusion of a peace treaty.

At the same time, the Soviet Union again attacked the American labour policy in Japan, charging the occupation authorities with "repressive measures" against Japanese workers which "deny democratic rights guaranteed by the FEC policy."

### New York Stock Exchange

New York, January 5.—Heavy profit-taking after a day of steady gains, sent the stock market today under the best marks of the day and variations were mostly fractional. Transfers were 2,550,000 shares—largest since November 3, 1948. Eight hundred and eighty thousand shares changed hands in the first hour.

The ticker tape lagged. Among gainers were United Corporation, American Airlines, Popcorn, Willys Overland, Northern States Power.

Benquet Consolidated, 15th most active issue, closed at 1 1/2, down 1/4.

Dow Jones Average Stocks 72.42, 20 Industrials 200.57, 15 Rails 84.25, 10 Utilities 41.50.

Closely quoted: Alaska Express 22 1/2, Alaska Juneau 3, American Can 100 1/4.

Smoking 50 1/4, Telephone 147 1/4, Tobacco 35 1/4, Waterworks 7 1/4.

Anacoda Copper 30 1/4, Aviation Corp. 5 1/4, Baldwin Lo. motive 11 1/4, Borden 55 1/4.

Bendix Aviation 30 1/4, Bingham Steel 32 1/4, Borden Aircraft 24 1/4, Borden Co. 50 1/4.

Canadian Pacific 15 1/4, J. I. Case 40, Chrysler 66 1/4, Colgate 42 1/4.

Commercial Solvents 20 1/4, Corn Products 7 1/4, Du Pont 61 1/4.

Eastman Kodak 43 1/4, General Electric 47 1/4, General Motors 71 1/4, Goodrich 72 1/4.

Goodyear 44 1/4, Inco Mining 40 1/4, International Harvester 28 1/4, Paper 36.

Tel. & Tel. 9 1/4, Johns Manville 48 1/4, Kennecott Copper 31 1/4.

Montgomery Ward 55 1/4, National Distillers 23 1/4, Lead 85 1/4.

New York Central 12 1/4, (Continued On Next Col.)

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME

We, Takoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hong Kong Ltd., Quarry Bay, Hong Kong, hereby give notice that in consequence of our desire to avoid confusion, we have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Steam Tug "TAIKOO DOCK" of HONG KONG REGISTRY, Official Number 180874, Gross Tonnage 233.49 tons, Register Tonnage 233.49 tons, Register Tonnage 233.49 tons, owned by Takoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hong Kong Ltd., Ltd. for permission to change her name to "TAIKOO SHUN-O" and to have her registered in the new name at this Port of HONG KONG as owned by Takoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hong Kong Ltd.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the REGISTRAR OF SHIPPING at HONG KONG within SEVEN days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong, the 6th day of January, 1950.

Takoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hong Kong Ltd.  
F. A. M. ELLIOTT,  
Secretary.

## POUND RISES

Brussels, January 5.—The British Pound rose to 113 to 116 Belgian Francs on the free market in Brussels today, after reaching its lowest quotation of 110 1/2 on Wednesday.

Officially the Pound is quoted at 140 Francs—Associated Press.

Packard Motors 4 1/4, Pan American Airways 9 1/4, Pennsylvania RR 17 1/4, Radio Corp. 18 1/4.

Berningford Bond 12 1/4, Republic Steel 24 1/4, Reynolds Tobacco 30 1/4, Schenley 31 1/4.

Sears Roebuck 43 1/4, Shell Oil 37 1/4, Socony Vacuum 18 1/4.

Southern Pacific 32 1/4, Standard Oil of Calif. 64 1/4, Oil of N. Y. 63 1/4.

Studebaker 20 1/4, United Bag 29 1/4, Corbido 45 1/4.

US Rubber 28 1/4, Steel 27 1/4, Westinghouse 32 1/4.

Youngtown Sheet & Tube 78 1/4, Gen. Pub. Utilities 10 1/4, Rail bonds advanced. Among

curb gainers were Barium Steel, Humble Oil, Technicolor—Associated Press.

### LICENCES FOR JAP IMPORTS

All persons or firms importing goods for resale in Japan for foreign exchange require Japanese Government Import licences issued on application to SCAP.

Any import brought into Japan without such a licence is the expectation of securing a proper licence at a later time is done entirely at the risk of the individuals or firms concerned.

There is no legal or moral obligation on the part of the Japanese Government to grant an import licence simply because an importer has invested money in the purchase or shipment. All importers, for their own protection, should apply for and receive a proper import licence prior to undertaking any financial commitment involving the importation of goods abroad for re-sale in Japan.

The obligation to obtain import licences applies to all shipment and cargoes, other than military shipments, irrespective of whether or not a general licence to carry on an importing or merchandising business in Japan has been granted.

Money Market

US dollars went up to HK\$80.00 yesterday afternoon. A buying demand followed news of Britain's recognition of Red China. The opening rate was HK\$85.54. At the close the market was HK\$81.00.

TT opened at HK\$60.00 and closed at HK\$60.00.

Sterling was unchanged at HK\$15.10.

Australian pounds, continuing the up-grade, went up to HK\$12.95 after opening at HK\$12.90.

Platt's were unchanged at HK\$15.10 a 100.

Ticals remained stationary at HK\$27.50 a 100.

NEI Guilders rose sharply to HK\$23 a 100.

## LONDON STOCKS

London, January 5.—British Government bonds failed to respond to the news that the nation's gold holdings have been increased by \$100 million in three months. The close of the London Stock Exchange found long-term issues losers on the day by as much as three-eighths of a pound per share. Except for gold mining shares, which scored minor gains, the market generally was apathetic bonds slumped sharply.

The 1930s closed at £20, off three, the 1910s at £27 1/2, off 1 1/2, and the 1907s at £24 1/2, off 1 1/2.

Financial Times Index: 103.7—Associated Press.

## SILK BY AIR

San Francisco, January 5.—The largest shipment of Japanese silk ever, valued at \$1,000,000, arrived here from Tokyo today aboard a Pan-American Airways strato-cruiser.

The shipment, including more than 100,000 yards of finished silk, was destined for a New York importing firm. Pan-American said—United Press.

## LEAD FUTURES

New York, January 5.—The New York Commodity Exchange announced that trading in lead futures will be resumed on January 15—Associated Press.

London, January 5.—Turkey and Yugoslavia signed a trade agreement in Ankara today, Ankara Radio reported—Router.

### H.K. Stock Exchange

This week has been one of the most active for the market to settle down. After the start of the year it opened with a slight improvement in sentiment, but this was scarcely maintained, and prices drifted around those they left off at New Year's Eve. Towards the close, the market has again displayed slight signs of activity and there is a demand for shares which may continue next week, though the market is so tender that the slightest adverse news may upset things. A good deal depends on how the Government's recognition of the new Government in Peking is viewed.

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Merrill Lynch 4 1/4, 100  
Bank of East Asia 11 1/4, 100

Insurance—  
London & Lancashire 4 1/4, 100  
Union Ind. 4 1/4, 100  
China Underwriters 4 1/4, 100  
H.K. Fire 1 1/4, 100

Shipping—  
H.K. & M. Steamships 11 1/4, 100  
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Consignees per Ship  
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arrived January 7, 1950

are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., where it will lie at consignees' risk and expense and subject to terms and conditions of Storage of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. The cargo is expected to be ready for delivery from the Godown on and after January 8, 1950.

Cargo is considered as being accepted in good order and condition by consignees, unless broken, chafed and damaged packages are left in the Godown for subsequent examination by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of consignees, at 10 a.m. on January 12, 1950.

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All damaged cargo claims against the steamer must be presented to the underwriter on or before January 28, 1950, or they will not be recognised.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have been taken delivery of, or ex ship's side, or alternatively, ex the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. premises, unless a joint survey has previously been effected.

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Hong Kong, January 7, 1950.



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TO HONOLULU &amp; SAN FRANCISCO

via JAPAN

"President Cleveland" 13th Jan.	13th Jan.
"President Wilson" 20th Jan.	20th Jan.
"General Gordon" 3rd Feb.	3rd Feb.

TO SAN FRANCISCO &amp; LOS ANGELES

via JAPAN

"President Pierce" 9th Jan.	9th Jan.
"President Harrison" 26th Jan.	26th Jan.

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE &amp; BOSTON

via PACIFIC COAST &amp; PANAMA

"President Tyler" 24th Jan.	24th Jan.
"President Grant" 19th Feb.	19th Feb.

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"President Van Buren" 11th Jan.	11th Jan.
"President Jefferson" 22nd Jan.	22nd Jan.

## TO JAVA &amp; STRAITS

"President Grant" 14th Jan.	14th Jan.
Opposite Star Ferry	Tel. 28172/3.



## ARRIVALS

SHIP	FROM	DATE
"BENLOMONO"	U.K. via Singapore	8th Jan.
"BENVRACKIE"		9th Jan.
"BENVOPLIGHT"		10th Jan.
"BENGLUCH"		21st Jan.
"BENDORAN"	on or abt.	27th Jan.
"BENMACDUI"		10th Feb.
"BENALDER"		12th Feb.
"BENMHOR"		25th Feb.
"BENAVON"		28th Feb.
"BENALBANACH"		12th Mar.
"BENVENUE"		20th Mar.
"BENYANNOCH"		

## SAILINGS

SHIP	TO	DATE
"BENGLUCH"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg	18th Jan.
"BENALDER"	London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg	19th Feb.
"BENVRACKIE"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	10th Jan.
"BENMHOR"	Genoa, Avonmouth, London, Rotterdam, Hamburg & Hull	10th Feb.
"BENVOPLIGHT"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp	13th Jan.
"BENMACDUI"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp	31st Jan.
"BENAVON"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp	28th Feb.
"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin, Havre and Antwerp	10th Mar.

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